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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Cincinnati is talking of municipal reform.

—The floods in Kentucky and Southern Indiana are subsiding.

—Voorhees made a mistake: He ought to have tried the insanity dodge for McKee.

—Russia's revenue for the current year is estimated at $407,000,000; the expenditures at $15,000 less.

—The Democratic caucus will meet in Washington to-night to consider the Landis financial bill.

—The eight-oared race between Harvard and Yale Colleges will be rowed at Springfield on June 30.

—England's banking capital,—which includes the whole United Kingdom—is estimated at $3,500,000,000.

—The Legislature of Minnesota passed a bill to borrow $60,000 from the school fund to pay its current expenses.

—The proposed new Democratic organ at Columbus, Ohio, is supposed to be in the interest of Senator Thurman.

—Among the witnesses fished up for the Babcock case at St. Louis appears Fishback, a quondam journalistic friend of McKee.

—The estate of Winslow, the fugitive forger and late proprietor and publisher of the Boston *Daily News*, has been placed in bankruptcy.

The President has nominated Charles R. Gill, of Wisconsin, to be Commissioner of Pensions, vice Henry M. Atdinson, of Nebraska, resigned.

—In Philadelphia on Sunday they celebrated the birthday of Tom Paine. The programme was a curious mixture of free religion, patriotic gush and woman's rights.

—The House Committee on the District of Columbia have called upon the District Commissioners to answer in writing numerous inquiries concerning their official acts.

—The funeral of the late Congressman Starkweather took place at Norwalk, Conn., on Monday afternoon. The public buildings in the city were very generally draped in mourning.

—Illinois takes the lead as to the paradise for soakers. Over ten million gallons of spirits were produced in that State during the last six months. Pennsylvania could only show about half a million.

—Robert Toombs made a speech down in Georgia in which he said the Democrats carried the election in that State by *intimidation and bribery and he helped do it.* Mr. Toombs, we have no doubt, tells the truth.

—Billy McMullen comes to the front as the Democratic candidate for Common Council from the "Bloody Fourth," Philadelphia, and it will be an uncommonly Common Council which admits Billy within its circle.

—A dispatch from an official source has been received in Washington, stating that the report that Cuban insurgents had entered Olenfuegos, is entirely untrue, no insurgent force having come even near that point.

—The seizure of distilleries in the West caused a falling off in the amount of spirits produced in the United States of over two million gallons. There was a corresponding decline in the spirits of distillers generally.

—Senator Dorsey says that all the main items in his list of debts, as printed from bankrupt papers, were caused by his indorsement of Arkansas railroad paper, and the debts named were in the main direct debts of that road.

—John G. Thompson, of Ohio, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, in place of Representative Randall, who declined the office.

—The late Mrs. Lucretia Creighton, who died in Philadelphia recently, is said to have willed $1,500,000 to endow a college in Dayton, Ohio, for the educat on of indigent young men who desire to prepare themselves for the Catholic ministry.

—The wealth of San Francisco, according to the assessed valuation of 1875, has reached already the surprising aggregate of $316,536,205, in about equal proportions of real and personal estate, the population being estimated at 200,000.

—The Philadelphia Press speaks of "the generous self-forgetfulness which has characterized the actions of all Philadelphians since the being of the Centennial Exhibition was decided upon," which will do for a refrigerator next August.

—The Connecticut Republican State Convention called for Tuesday, February 29, "to call to its aid all electors who desire good government, favor specie payments and non-sectarian schools. The Democratic Convention is to be held on February 23d.

—Boynton, the swimmer, encased in his patent "life-dress," on Saturday swam from Alton to St. Louis, a distance of thirty miles, when the Mississippi was filled with floating ice. Forty thousand people gave him an ovation when he landed at the St. Louis bridge.

—It is said that every one of the savings banks of New York now in the hands of receivers was made bankrupt by the misdeeds of some official and the utter carelessness of the trustees in relation to the affairs of the institutions of which they were officially the guardians.

—The new apportionment bill for Louisiana, based on the State census, was sent to Governor Kellogg on Monday, and immediately signed. The bill leaves the Senate as it was, but gives to the Republican parishes seven or eight additional representatives in the House.

—The miners who return from the Black Hills report the best possible state of affairs for gold digging. Twelve hundred miners are in the Hills now, and nearly that many thousand are waiting for the warmth of spring in order to make the journey thither with speed and comfort.

—Massachusetts paid $500 for the conveyance of the remains of Vice President Wilson for Washington, and Philadelphia paid nearly $7,000 while the body lay in state in that city. Hence, Quakerdom puts on its gold rimmed spectacles, and as it looks at the bills, inquires with inplessant curriosity, why is this thus.

—Speaking of the Eastern question the *Tribune* thinks "any settlement which loosens the grasp of the Turk upon the Christian populations in the northern portion of his misgoverned empire and crowds him down towards the Bosphorus will be welcomed by the public sentiment of the whole civilized world."

—A resolution instructing the Indiana Senators and Representatives in Congress to have the surviving soldiers and widows of soldiers who survived in the war with Mexico placed on the same footing in regard to pensions as soldiers of the war of 1812 has passed the House of Representatives at Indianapolis.

—The case of the Missouri State Lottery, which was carried to the Court of Appeals some weeks ago, has been decided by that court, Judges Garrett and Lewis affirming the decision of the Circuit Court that the lottery was illegal, Judge Bakewell dissenting, and the case will probably be appealed to the Supreme Court.

—The monarchists in France thought they had arranged for a complete triumph over the Republicans in the Senatorial elections, but they have been substantially beaten. There are 93 Republican Senators elected and but 65 of the Legitimists and Orleanists together, while the Bonapartists number 57, and hold the balance of power.

—Venezuela has got into hot water with Great Britain. The people of British Guiana claim a portion of the contiguous Venezuelan territory which Venezuela declines to concede to them. The question has been referred to the colonists to the British Government, which has not yet decided what action to take action about it.

—There has been a pretty well defined impression among those who expect to "take in" the Centennial, that they would be fleeced in the way of hotel charges; to all such the alluring assurances from hotel proprietors—published over their own signatures, that the prices in most instances will not be raised above ordinary rates—will be somewhat consoling.

—The cry against municipal taxation seems to answer to the description of "great cry and little wool." We believe that there is not a single city of over 200,000 inhabitants in the United States in which the current expenses of government have been reduced a single dollar, in spite of that somewhat vociferous protest which has been going up since the panic.—*St. Louis Globe.*

—Catley Ciscoe, a negro girl four years old, while quarreling with Willie Vanwinkle, a negro boy ten years of age, was killed instantly on Monday in Frankfort, Ky. The boy picked up and pointed a loaded carbine at the girl. He did not intend to discharge the weapon, but by some means the trigger was pulled, and the load entering the girl's body, caused instant death.

—The Cincinnati *Commercial*, speaking of the Black Hills and the gold hunters who propose to take up quarters there, says if the miners gets their scalps lifted they cannot rightfully ask redress from the Government. Until the territory has been acquired, the Government has no more rightfully to take up the cause of the invaders than it has to side with the Cubans in their resistance to Spanish tyranny.

—A telegram from Wells, Nevada, says the west bound train due in San Francisco last Tuesday night attempted to force a blockade on March 4th with twelve engines and a snow plow, but stuck in the first cut west of Toano. The train was hauled back to Toano, and will lay there until the weather moderates. The wind was blowing a gale and the snow drifting badly on the Pecquop range, where the railroad crosses.

—Speaking of Congressional displays of "humor" as evidenced in the Cox-Hale melee, an exchange suggests that Congressmen be a little more discriminating in their applause. When a man is making a fool of himself on the floor—if we may venture to suggest such a tremendous improbability—it should in some way, be suggested to him that his case is misunderstood and pitifully commiserated. The medicine may not be palatable, but it will do him good.

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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

The Military Academy Appropriation Bill Passed by the House.

A Bill to Revise and Simplify the Tariff.

Petitions from Pennsylvania for the Repeal of the Bankrupt Law.

WASHINGTON, January 31, 1876.

SENATE.

Bills, Reports, Etc.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. MCMILLAN, to exempt all vessels engaged in navigating the Mississippi river and its tributaries above the port of New Orlean from duty and clearance. Referred.

Mr. WRIGHT submitted a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so as to elect the President and Vice President by a direct vote of the people. Referred.

Also a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constit ution of the United States so as to elect United States Senators by a direct vote of the people of the United States. Referred.

Also a bill to amend the act of June 22, 1874, for the relief of settlers on railroad lands. Referred.

To extend the jurisdiction of District and Circuit Courts of the United States. Referred.

Mr. BOOTH submitted a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the Senate copies of correspondence with a committee of the Forty-third Congress respecting the taxation of lands granted to States and corporations. Agreed to.

Mr. LOGAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported favorably on the Senate bill to reduce the number and increase the efficiency of the medical corps of the United States army. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. CAMERON (Pa.) presented petitions from citizens of Pittsburgh and New Castle for the repeal of the bankrupt law.

The Mississippi Election.

Mr. MORTON gave notice that as soon as the bill to pay the interest on 3.65 bonds of the District of Columbia was disposed of he would ask the Senate to take up and dispose of the resolution submitted by him in regard to the late election in Mississippi.

The Centennial Bill.

Mr. CAMERON (Pa.) said he hoped, not as he desired, to have the Centennial bill considered as soon as that now before the Senate was finished.

Interest on District of Columbia Bonds.

After the expiration of the morning hour consideration of the House joint resolution to pay the interest on the 3.65 District of Columbia bonds was resumed. The pending question was on the modified amendment of Mr. Sargent, submitted on Friday last, providing that the certificates heretofore issued by the Board of Audit, including those converted into 3.65 bonds and those which have not been so converted, and the certificates hereafter to be issued by the Board of Audit or their successors, shall not exceed in the aggregate $15,000,000, and when this amount shall be reached the Board of Audit shall be abolished, and all powers conferred upon the Board shall cease, and all papers and public property in their possession shall be delivered to the Commissioners of the District or their successors.

Mr. SARGENT said the subject embraced in the latter part of his amendment he understood was already before the District of Columbia Committee, and he therefore withdrew that portion providing for the abolition of the Board of Audit.

After debate, without action on the bill, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Bills Introduced.

The Speaker called the States for bills. Under the call bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. WILLIS, for the construction of all tariff and collection law; also for the abolition of prize money.

By Mr. WARD, to repeal the duties on packages, commissioners' transportation, and coloring of goods; also to provide for the responsibility of the Government for all imported merchandise while in its custody; also for a reduction of duty on laces manufactured by hand.

New Tariff Bill.

By Mr. MORRISON, to revise and simplify the tariff. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill provides that on and after the first day of July next, in lieu of the duties heretofore imposed on importations of goods, wares and merchandise, there shall be levied the following rates: On all manufactures of cotton, except jeans, denims, drilling, bedticking, ginghams, pantaloon stuff and goods of like description, no bleached, colored, &c., five ounces per square yard, two and one-half cents per square yard; if bleached, three and one-half cents per square yard; if colored, stained, painted or printed, four cents per square yard; on finer and lighter goods, four cents per square yard; if bleached, four and one-half cents per yard; if colored, stained, painted or printed, five cents per square yard; on cotton, jeans, denims, drillings, bedtickings, ginghams, plaids, cottonades, pantaloon stuffs and goods of like description, or for similar use, if unbleached, not exceeding five ounces to the square yard, four cents, but if bleached, seven and one-half cents per square yard; if colored, stained, painted or printed, five cents per square yard. There is also a scale for goods of lighter descriptions. On all cotton goods of every description the value of which shall exceed twenty-five cents per square yard, a duty of twenty-five per cent. *ad valorem;* cotton threads, yarn or warps valued at not exceeding forty cents per pound, ten cents per pound; valued at over forty cents, twenty cents; over sixty cents, thirty cents; over eighty cents, forty cents per pound; spool thread, cotton, six cents per dozen; cotton goods, gimps and galloons and cotton laces, colored, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* cotton shirts, drawers, woven or made on frames, and on all cotton hosiery, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* cotton velvet, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* cotton braids, insertings, lace trimming or bobinet, and all other manufactures of cotton, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* iron in pigs, five dollars a ton; bar iron, rolled or hammered, from one-half to one and one-half cents per pound; Moisic iron, ten dollars per ton; iron railed bars, ten dollars per ton; boiler and plate iron, one and one-half cents per pound; boiler and other plate iron, not otherwise provided for, twenty dollars per ton; iron-ware, coppered or tinned, one and three-quarter cents per pound; other descriptions three and four cents; but wire covered with cotton, silk or other material shall pay five cents per pound in addition to the foregoing rates. Round iron in coils from one and three-fourths to two cents per pound; sheet iron, one cent per pound; thinner than No. 20 and not thinner than No. 25, one cent per pound; thinner than No. 25, one and one-fourth cents per pound.

The bill provides rates for other descriptions of wire, hand-saws, needles, &c. All manufactures of steel of which steel shall be a component part not otherwise provided for, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* steel railway bars, fifteen dollars per ton; railway bars made in part of steel, fifteen dollars per ton; chains and traces, two cents per pound. There are other rates for other descriptions of iron. Manufactured lead in sheets and pipes, two cents per pound; copper in plate, two cents per pound; copper rolled, &c., not otherwise provided for, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* spun silk twenty-five per cent. *ad valorem;* silk in the gum, twenty-five per cent. *ad valorem;* floss silk, twenty-five per cent. *ad valorem;* sewing silk, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* lasting, mohair cloth and twist silk, thirty per cent. *ad valorem;* all goods, wares and merchandise not otherwise herein provided for made of silk, or of which silk is the component part of chief value, irrespective of classification, forty per cent. *ad valorem;* dress and piece silk, and silk velvet, or velvet of which silk is a component part, forty per cent. *ad valorem;* silk vestings, shawls, &c., forty per cent. *ad valorem;* buttons and ornaments for dresses, forty per cent. *ad valorem;* manufactures of silk or of which silk is the component material of chief value, forty per cent. *ad valorem;* cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds, $3.50 per pound, tobacco in leaf manufactured and not stamped, forty cents per pound.

Wools are classified from three to ten cents per pound. Woolen cloths and shawls, and all manufactures of wool of every description made wholly or in part of wool, seventy cents per pound; flannels and blankets at from twenty to forty cents per pound; ready-made clothing and wearing apparel of every description, two dollars per pound; coffee, three cents per pound; tea, fifteen cents per pound; tin in bars, block or pig, three cents per pound; tapestry velvet and Brussels carpets, sixty-five cents, and tapestry Brussels, forty cents per square yard; candied citron, eight cents per pound; oranges in boxes, eighteen cents per box; gloves, according to quality, two to four dollars a dozen; statuary marble, sixty cents a cubic foot; metallic pens, twelve cents per gross; soaps two cents per pound.

There are many other articles in the list. The free list is a large one, including brown and white lead, potash, zinc, acids, coal, slack, culm, paints, parchment, pitch, plants, putty, gum, sponges and free stone.

The bill ends with a proviso that alcohol, to be exclusively used for the manufacture of ethers, chloroform and vegetable alkalies, may be withdrawn from bond free of a specific internal revenue tax per gallon in quantities not exceeding one thousand gallons at any one time, under such rules, regulations and bonds as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

Other Bills Introduced.

By Mr. MAISH, to reimburse the State of Pennsylvania for money advanced to pay the losses of her citizens during the late war, and also to pay the balance on claims of citizens of Pennsylvania for like losses.

By Mr. MONROE, to establish an educational fund and to apply a portion of the proceeds of public lands to public education, and to provide for the more complete endowment and support of National colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education.

By Mr. FORT, to forbid territories incurring indebtedness in aid of railroad or other private corporations.

Also to prevent the useless slaughter of buffalo.

By Mr. STONE, organizing a National railroad company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a double track cheap freight railway from the Atlantic seaboard to St. Louis, Chicago and Council Bluffs, with branches to other centres of population, production or commerce, and to regulate some of the interests of commerce among the States.

By Mr. CLARK, to reimburse the University of Missouri for damages sustained during the late war.

By Mr. GUNTER, granting 360 acres of land to each survivor of the Mountain, Meadow massacre.

By Mr. WILSHIRE, for the free transmission through the mails of all documents printed by authority of Congress.

By Mr. SLEMMONS, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis.

Mr. MORRISON introduced an act to simplify the appraisement of goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States and subject to *ad valorem* duties. This bill defines the basis on which dealers are to be assessed on imported merchandise subject to *ad valorem* duties, to be a fair market value or the actual wholesale price of such merchandise in the principal places of the country from whence exported at the time of exportation, and repeals the law of 1866 which compels the importer to separately add the cost of boxing and casing, although the same has been before included in the cost of merchandise, as well as little petty charges for brokerage, cartage, dock fees, &c. An omission of any one of these items by the neglect of an employe is now held to violate the invoice and subject the importer to heavy penalties, and their retention on the statute book as elements for estimating the value of invoices obviously constitutes the basis for the operation of a large class of informers whose very existence is a disgrace to any Government.

District of Columbia.

Mr. BUCKNER offered a resolution reciting that by the act of Congress of the 20th of June, 1874, the late Government of the District of Columbia was abolished, and the Government thereof transferred to three Commissioners, with authority to enforce the execution of existing legal obligations and contracts; that a special board of audit was authorized and appointed and allowed to issue certificates which were made convertible into 3.65 bonds; that at the time of the passage of that act it was estimated the floating debt of the District due and to accrue on account of improvements then contracted for and incomplete, was about $8,300,000; that it is alleged that the Commissioners have enlarged and extended the contracts to an extent not contemplated or authorized in the act, so that the amount of certificate issues is but little short of $15,000,000; that it is alleged that many of the improvements were made in the interest of favorites and friends, and that a large amount of certificates were issued illegally and without warrant of law, and that corrupt and improper means have been used to obtain the allowance of false and fraudulent claims, and that subordinate officers of the Board of Audit were largely interested in many of the claims allowed, and therefore directing the Committee for the District of Columbia to investigate such allegations and charges. Adopted.

Direct Taxes.

Mr. SANDERS (Ind.) introduced a proposed amendment to the Constitution for the levying of direct taxes according to the wealth of the respective States. Referred.

Plastic Cut Busts.

Mr. J. H. BAGLEY (N. Y.) offered a resolution directing the Committee on Library to take into consideration a proposition to purchase a number of plastic busts of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Lafayette and other public men. Adopted.

Cash on Hand.

Mr. HEWITT offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a detailed statement showing the amount of actual cash on hand in the Treasury, and in the several depositories of the Government at the close of business on the 26th of January, 1876, specifying how much in fractional currency, legal tenders, National Bank notes, gold, silver, gold notes, etc. Adopted.

Pacific Railways.

Mr. LUTTRELL offered a resolution reciting that the Central Pacific, Kansas Pacific, Union Pacific, Central Branch of the Union Pacific, Western Pacific, Southern Pacific, Sioux City and Pacific, Northern Pacific, Texas Pacific, and all Pacific railroads and branches to which bonds and subsidies were granted by the Government, have received from the United States money substituted amounting to over sixty-four million dollars, land subsidies amounting to over two hundred and twenty million acres of the public domain, bond subsidies amounting to $ and interest amounting to $; that it is but just and proper that the Government and people should understand the status of such roads and the disposition by the companies of the subsidies granted by the Government, and therefore instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report, first, whether such companies have fully complied with the requirements of law; second, whether such companies have formed within themselves construction companies for the purpose of subletting contracts and building and equipping their roads, and if so, whether the money, land and bond subsidies have been properly applied; and, third, whether such companies or any of them have forfeited their land subsidies by a failure to construct and equip their roads as required by law, and that the committee shall report to the House such measures as shall secure the Government full indemnity for all losses occasioned by fraudulent transactions or negligence on the part of such companies, and for the non-payment of interest lawfully due the Government, and for any other claim that the United States may have against such companies. Adopted.

The Currency.

Mr. HOLMAN offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire whether the commercial and industrial interests of the country do not require that the cancellation of legal tender notes shall cease, and whether common and equal justice to the whole people do not require that United States notes shall be substituted for National bank paper, instead of National bank paper being substituted for United States notes. Adopted.

Polygamy.

Mr. PAGE offered a long preamble and resolution denunciatory of the Mormons and "their vile and degrading dogma of polygamy," charging them with unprovoked, cold blooded and brutal murders of men, women and children; the subornation of witnesses and terrorism over courts to shield and protect the most nefarious and infamous criminals, declaring that immediate steps should be taken to compel the Mormons to obey the Constitution and laws of the United States, and directing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill for that purpose so as to remove this foul blot from the civilization of the nineteenth century.

The House refused to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution.

Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. ATKINS offered a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire whether or not the Union Pacific Railroad Company has forfeited its charter. Adopted.

Protective Tariff.

Mr. WALLACE (Pa.) offered a resolution reciting the general impression under which the industrial interests are laboring, endorsing the protective policy, declaring that the question of finance is but a question of labor, and that the question of labor is but a question of protection, and instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to consider the propriety and necessity of increasing the import duties on all products and manufactures that come in competition with those of this country. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Military Academy.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Haskins in the chair, on the Military Academy appropriation bill.

Mr. HURLBUT offered an amendment for the detail of a competent staff officer to act as quartermaster and commissary for the battalion of cadets, and that all supplies shall be furnished at actual cost, &c. Adopted.

The committee rose and the bill was passed. The pay of cadets is fixed at $540 without rations. No other amendments except that offered by Mr. Hurlbut were adopted.

Adjourned.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, January 31, 1876.

Records of the Late War.

It having been brought to the attention of the Secretary of War that there are in existence in differens sections of the country many records, such as battle reports, correspondence, &c., relating to the late civil strife, he authorizes the statement that if any one who has original official documents pertaining to the war, either on the Union or Confederate side, will send them to the Secretary, they will be copied for use in connection with the publication of the records of the war, and returned to the owners, accompanied with such request. The originals must be sent, as copies for obvious reasons cannot be accepted.

NEW YORK.

The Simmons Butchery in Brooklyn.

Confessions of the Murderer and His Wife.

Terrible Discoveries by the Police.

NEW YORK, January 31, 1876.

The horrible murder and mutilation of W. W. Simmons in Brooklyn causes great excitement in this neighborhood. Mrs. Fuchs, wife of the murderer, tells this story of the butchery:

Mr. Simmons came to the house about nine o'clock Thursday evening, bringing a doll for the little girl. There was some brandy and beer in the house, and after drinking the beer, Fuchs went out to get three pints more. All of us drank beer, and Simmons said he was ashamed to go home drunk, so I said he might stay and sleep with Fuchs and I would sleep with Ellen. We had only two rooms. Simmons agreed to this. My husband says I slept on the floor, and that I was unfaithful, but I was so drunk I knew nothing of it. My husband and child put me to bed, and while they were doing so I fell on the floor and cut my face. When I got up in the morning I saw the body on the floor of the kitchen, and Fuchs, taking it by the heels, dragged it into the bed room to cut it up. When I saw it, I called out, "We will be hung," but Fuchs said he would make it all right. I drank too much on Friday; did not see the body cut up.

As the woman told this story she wept bitterly, saying again and again that if she had only been sober the murder would not have been committed.

Andreas Fuchs, or Victor Kretz, as the murderer calls himself, said he had known Simmons and worked with him for three years, but had once had a difficulty with him on account of which he left the manufactory for six months. He had said Simmons was in the habit of visiting his wife while he was at work, and that about six months ago he had detected them in the crime. He said that Simmons came to his house on Thursday evening, about nine o'clock, and as he had some beer, both drank of it. Simmons then gave him money to buy more beer, and when he returned he found his wife violating her marriage vow. Calling his step-child, Ellen, who was asleep on the bed, as a witness of her mother's crime, he seized a hatchet which lay behind the stove and struck Simmons dead with one blow on the neck. He asserted he struck Simmon's head off at one blow, but afterwards accounted for the cuts about the neck by saying he had to hack it off next morning, as it was not entirely severed. He declared he intended to give himself up, but his wife persuaded him not to do so, and Friday he dragged the body into the bedroom, and cut it up, packing the pieces away in different places until he could get rid of them.

The officers who first inspected Fuchs' apartments reported there were pails in the kitchen and bedroom, containing meat. They thought they were pieces of pickled pork. A close examination of the premises was then made, and in a tool chest under the bed was found a heavy solid hammer that bore bloody stains, and a common hand saw, steeped with blood and fringed with hairs of hair. There were also heavy hatchets or axes, and these were covered with half obliterated blood marks. In another corner, under the couch, was a small tin pail filled to the brim with fragments of a human body cut into pieces not more than two or three inches in length. At the side of the bed was a large pine chest, dyed in every part with blood, as though a bleeding body had been hastily jammed into it as into a temporary receptacle. In a corner, in a black leathern traveling trunk, was found another portion of the mutilated body, strips of flesh and pieces of skin. In another portion of the chamber was a large tin wash boiler, nearly filled with portions of a man's limbs, and pieces of the arms, hands, and legs and feet. In the midst of these remains was the trunk of the body. The ribs were stripped clean of skin and flesh. The officers next searched the bed, and turning up the tick ing uncovered other fragments of a human body. They then went through the kitchen, and digging deep under the bricks of the fire-place, brought out many other remains, similar to those discovered in the bed room. They gathered the bloody fragments together, and sent them to the Morgue. The axes, saw and hammer were taken to the police station.

THE WHISKY FRAUDS.

Charge to the Jury in the McKee Case—General Babcock's Case to Come up Next Monday—The Defendant Found Guilty.

ST. LOUIS, January 31.—The jurors in the case of William McKee, one of the proprietors of the *Globe-Democrat*, charged with complicity in the whisky frauds, received their instructions from Judge Dillon, Judge Treat coinciding, at half past ten this morning, and retired at half-past eleven. The charge was very long. In commenced with a review of the operations of the whisky ring, admitted as a fact by both sides, from 1871 to 1875. There was no doubt the Government was defrauded millions in St. Louis alone, and it seemed astonishing the conspiracy could exist so long. The explanation lay in the admitted fact that information was received from Washington, and that thirty-five thousand dollars was spent in the buying of revenue agents.

After the jury retired the Court announced that the trial of Constantine Maguire, ex-Collector of Internal Revenue, would begin at 2 P. M., and directed the attorneys to notify General Babcock and his witnesses to present themselves next Monday, unless otherwise informed before that time.

According to previous announcement, the Court reconvened at 10 P. M., Judge Treat on the bench, to receive what the jury in the McKee case might have to present. A quarter of an hour later the jury came in with the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty." The counsel for the defense asked that the jury be polled, which was done, and all the jurors responded affirmatively. Judge Treat then stated in relation to the bonds that he would prefer that the matter should be decided by Judge Dillon. It was then agreed that the defendant should be called to-morrow morning upon the opening of Court and the amount of bonds determined by the full bench. The defendant left the Court room with his counsel and numerous sympathizing friends. The verdict was unexpected, almost everybody anticipating a disagreement or acquittal.

The "Crooked" Cases in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 31.—The motions for new trials in the cases of Jas. K. Hill and Alfred M. McGraff, convicted of whisky irregularities during the present term of the United States Court, were finally disposed of this morning by Judge Gresham, who refused a hearing, and will enter judgment upon the verdict of the jury to-morrow.

Trial of Maguire in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, January 31.—On the opening of court this afternoon the impannelling of a jury in the Maguire case was immediately proceeded with, and resulted in the selection of twelve gentlemen from interior counties. They were closely questioned by the counsel of both sides, but none of them had any opinion touching the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and had no prejudice for or against him. Major Lucien Eaton, one of the special counsel for the Government, then opened the case with a statement what the prosecution expected to prove against the accused. He stated that the prosecution proposed to prove that Maguire had knowledge of the existence of the ring and the destruction of records in the Collector's office, and failed to report to his superior officer; that he had made inquiry as to how much money he was to receive, showing he expected a share of the ring fund, and some other general matters. The commission of Maguire as Collector of Internal Revenue and some other documents were then submitted, and the court adjourned.

Six Horses Thieves Hanged.

ATCHISON, Ks, January 31.—A commercial traveler of this city just in from the Solomon Valley says six horse thieves were hanged a few days ago by vigilants. Among those lynched were Hutchison, Cox and Connoughty, three desperadoes of the frontier. The thieves were surrounded in the their cabin at night, after returning from a trip to Nebraska, where they had been to dispose of stolen stock, tried by a lynchers' court, found guilty, and executed at once.

—Col. Tom Scott has just handed back to Philadelphia a check for $2,805.34. That amount represents the balance left over from the very small sum he was authorized to expend in the building of a bridge across the Schuylkill at Market street, and in certain alterations to facilitate travel across Chestnut street bridge. The work has been done to the entire satisfaction of every one, and was completed in what at first looked like an incredible short time for such a great contract, and now there is an overplus. It is similar management which makes the Pennsylvania Railroad the greatest in the world.

—The residence of David W. Skidmore, near Deer Park, Long Island, was destroyed by fire last Sunday night. All the occupants, Mr. Skidmore, Fleet Weeks, an old man who had lived with Mr. Skidmore many years, Mrs. Titus, the housekeeper, and her husband, were burned to death. Skidmore was an old man, almost constantly in litigation with neighbors, and had, it is alleged, a great many enemies. The supposition is he was murdered and then the premises fired, the other occupants being unable to escape.

SECOND EDITION

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

The Finance Bill Fails to Pass the Senate.

No Money Until the Measure Becomes a Law.

Remonstrances Against Changing the Method of Gauging Oil.

A Pittsburgh Secession Bill Passed First Reading in the House.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, January 31, 1876.

SENATE.

Bills on First Reading.

An act to define and suppress vagrancy.

An act to authorize and empower County Commissioners to contract, purchase, use or control bridges erected over rivers, creeks and rivulets, and the abolition of tolls thereon.

An act to enable citizens of the United States, to hold and convey a title which had been held by alien corporations not authorized by law to hold the same.

A supplementary act dividing cities of the the State into three classes, and for other purposes.

An act relative to idle and disorderly persons in cities of the second class.

An act for the prevention of horses, cattle, sheep or swine running at large in the various townships when a majority of the voters thereof shall so decide.

An act regulating the sale of baled hay, &c.

An act to repeal section four of the act to incorporate the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

A supplementary act designating the several classes of contested elections in the Commonwealth, and providing for the trial thereof.

An act declaratory of the true intent of section sixty-six.

An act to consolidate, revise and amend the penal laws.

An act conferring jurisdiction on Courts of Common Pleas in cases of mandamus against State officers.

An act enabling assignees for the benefit of creditors to make sale of real estate encumbered by liens.

An act to abolish attorney fees in judgments under one hundred dollars entered on warrants of attorney.

An act amendatory of the law of libel.

An act relating to the costs in criminal cases.

An act limiting the time for entering judgments, warrants of attorney, amicable actions or agreements to confess or revive judgments.

A supplementary act relative to burial grounds and cemeteries situated in incorporated boroughs.

An act relative to persons writing threatening letters.

An act relating to the payment of licences for hotels, inns, taverns, eating houses and restaurants.

An act relating to mechanics' claims, authorizing the amendment of the same.

An act for the incorporation and regulation of banks of discount and deposit.

An act to carry into effect section five of article fourteenth of the Constitution relative to the salaries of county officers, and for the payment of fees received by them into the State or County Treasury in counties containing over one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.

A supplementary act relating to Orphans' Courts.

An act authorizing an increase of the indebtedness of any city of the second class in the Commonwealth.

An act to provide for the submission to the voters of the Commonwealth a proposition for the removal of the capital of the State to the city of Philadelphia.

The Rules Suspended.

The rules were, by unanimous consent, suspended to allow the reading of the following bills:

An act authorizing councils of cities of the Commonwealth of the third class to fill vacancies in the offices of City Controller and Treasurer, read the second time and passed.

Supplementary act relating to the State Treasurer and Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, approved May 9th, 1874, amending and assigning part of the revenue derived from the tax on the capital stock of all corporations of the Commonwealth to the Sinking Fund and part thereof to the General Revenue Fund.

The bill was on its third reading or final passage. The vote stood thus: Yeas 19, nays 18. As it lacked the Constitutional majority, twenty-six, it failed to pass to-night. This leaves the bill in bad shape, unless the Democrats make the Government and change their position, which is quite likely they will do. Neither members nor any State institutions will receive any money until the bill passes and becomes a law.

HOUSE.

The House met at 7½ o'clock. Letters, petitions, memorials and remonstrances were presented and properly referred.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. LONG presented remonstrances of merchants of Pittsburgh against the change in the method of gauging oil.

Petitions of citizens of Kittanning against the repeal of the act of incorporation.

Also of citizens of Altoona remonstrating against establishing the office of Recorder in various counties of the State.

Numerous petitions were presented from several counties in the State requesting our Senators and members of Congress to vote for the bill before Congress granting aid to the Texas Pacific railroad.

A petition of citizens of Blairsville remonstrating against the repeal of the prohibitory liquor law.

Also, as regards Burrell township.

Also; of citizens of Westmoreland county asking for the repeal of the Local Option law in Derry township and Mount Pleasant.

From citizens of Philadelphia asking for a reduction of car fare on city passenger railways.

Also from citizens of Washington county asking for the passage of a law for the protection of boarding-house keepers.

By Mr. SPANG, a petition of citizens of Bedford, asking an increase in exemption under the law of 1849 to one thousand dollars, and to exempt from levy and execution all tools of workingmen, and further provide for the protection of a debtor.

A petition of citizens of Greene county for a modification of the charter of the Dollar Savings Bank of Waynesburg.

Also to confine the rate of interest to six per cent., and inflict a severe penalty for its violation.

Bills Read in Place.

By Mr. GRAHAM (Allegheny), an act making an appropriation to the Western Penitentiary.

An act referring to the collection of school tax.

An act relating to game and fish.

By Mr. TONER, an act to repeal the Local Option laws of Derry township and the borough of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county.

Bills Reported Affirmatively from Committee.

An act repealing the act relating to roads in Morris township and Independence township, Washington county, and as relates to Hopewell township.

Also, an act to authorize the separation of townships and boroughs from one county and their annexation to adjoining counties.

Also an act from a select committee, with affirmative recommendations, to suppress vagrancy.

The Bankrupt Law.

Mr. IRWIN (Allegheny) called up his concurrent resolution asking that our Senators and members of Congress be requested to vote for the repeal of the Bankrupt law, the Governor to transmit a copy of the proceedings to the Senators and members.

Bills Passed First Reading.

Several bills passed first reading, which simply consists in reading the same without any other action thereon, the only one on the calendar of general interest to citizens of Pittsburgh being an act to repeal "An act supplementary to several acts incorporating the city of Pittsburgh, enlarging its boundaries, &c.," approved the 2d day of April, 1872. As to the boroughs of Mount Washington and Union, the above act is for the secession of the Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth wards, on the South Side, from the city of Pittsburgh.

Adjourned. K.

Marine News.

QUEENSTOWN, January 31.—The steamships City of Richmond, from New York, and Pennsylvania, from Philadelphia, have arrived.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Arrived—The steamship Montana, from Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, January 31.—Arrived—The steamship Baltic, from New York.

☞For Additional Telegrams See Fourth Page.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Pittsburghers evidently have a very warm regard for Barry Sullivan, and they are in no way loth in manifesting it. Well, his dramatic genius is such as to win admiration and esteem and make him worthy of it. Of his performance last night in the *rôle* of *Richard III*, we have only to repeat our expressed opinion of three months ago, that it is a masterly and rare impersonation. This evening he appears as *Richelieu*.

Library Hall.

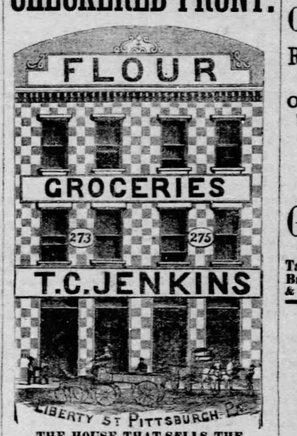
The pantomimic amusement advertised for Library Hall this week, commencing on Wednesday night, by Maffitt & Tyler's Humpty Dumpty troupe, will be of a much higher character than ordinarily offered by pantomime companies. The combination is Geo. L. Fox's in every respect, except that it does not include Fox who, as is well known, is now deranged. Seats can be bought at Hales'.

Frimble's Varieties.

The entertainment last was as enjoyable as a new and interesting novel just fresh from the press. The new specialists added spice to the programme, and were received with many manifestations of favor. Angie Schott is unquestionably a wonder, and her efforts to please were heartily supplemented by the entire company.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHECKERED FRONT.



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PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 32½.

Bonds at Frankfort, new 5s, 10.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113.

In another column we give place to a communication from a correspondent, who treats the matter of "insurance rates" from the Companies' standpoint. It is well that both sides of the question be heard, and our columns are always thus open to a fair discussion of any subject of interest.

THE Paris correspondent of the New York *Tablet* (Catholic) gives a circumstantial account of a miracle performed by Pius IX. in restoring a paralyzed arm of Mother JULIA N——, of the Order of the Sacred Heart, to normal vitality. The cure was not instantaneous; but, by making the sign of the cross a few times, the arm was so far restored that she went home and wrote a long letter with the hand that had been powerless. *Such is the story.*

THE war in Spain, like that in Cuba, is becoming chronic, and is rapidly sapping the little vitality which remains in that once powerful kingdom. ALFONSO seems to be in the position which the loyal States of this Union occupied during the first two years of the great rebellion. We tried to crush the rebels and still hold on to slavery; Spain is laboring to put down the CARLISTS, and at the same time hold on to Cuba. We learned by bitter experience that we could not do both; and ALFONSO will discover that if he would put down his rebellion at home he must relinquish his rule over the Cubans. The circumstances, it is true, are widely different, but the principal is the same.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

For the greater part of the present century the Ottoman Empire has been propped up by the bayonets of the great powers of Europe, under the impression that its maintenance was essential to the "balance of power" in that quarter of the globe. Under the late MAHMOUD II. it was not a difficult task to keep the "sick man," as NICHOLAS of Russia called that effete empire, on his legs; but under the present weak, capricious, self-willed, luxurious and extravagant Sultan, ABDUL AZIZ, the case is very different. The first got along with half a million dollars a year to keep up his royal state; while the latter draws from the national treasury twenty times that sum annually, besides an unknown expenditure upon the civil list.

Of late years Turkey has been a heavy borrower, is deeply in debt, and between reckless extravagance and the heavy interest ever falling due, the revenue of the empire is inadequate to meet the expenditures, so that the treasury is on the verge of bankruptcy. No further loans can be made, and the holders of Turkish securities are in danger of losing what they have invested.

As bankers in Europe are powers behind thrones greater than the thrones themselves, repudiation in Turkey is tantamount to national overthrow. Great Britain and France will not repeat the Crimean folly; and if the semi-barbarous and the semi-independent provinces of that empire, under the eye and the finger of Russia, combine to put an end to the "sick man," those nations will not be likely to interpose any serious obstacle to the work.

CONCERNING USURY LAWS.

On no question says the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, are there so many current fallacies as upon capital and the price of capital. The law of supply and demand is allowed in its application to everything else; only in regard to the price of capital is its legitimacy questioned. When a farmer has a crop to take care of, if labor is scarce he expects to pay a high price for maturing his products in the field and for gathering them into his barns when ripe. If labor be abundant, he expects to pay at a correspondingly cheap rate for whatever services he requires. If the cotton, corn or hog crops be abundant, he regards it as a matter of course that these commodities should be cheap. If, on the other hand, there be any deficiency in the yield, from whatever cause, he holds it to be equally evident that their market value will rise. If, from any cause, there be thrown upon the market an unusually large quantity of manufactured goods, prices fall; if, on the other hand, there be a scarcity, prices rise. The unusually large wine crop in France in 1874, brought about a decline in the price of wines; in seasons when the vine is less productive values are enhanced. To introduce such illustrations might seem a gratuitous reflection upon the intelligence of the reader. Their enunciation carries conviction. They bear upon their face the character of mere truism. The relation between supply and demand for regulating the price of labor or the price of commodities, he does not question. He sees and admits the applicability of the law to all the cases mentioned, and to a thousand more that might be mentioned, and is surprised to find that anything so trite and common-place should be obtruded upon his attention.

If a man wants to rent a farm and few farms are offered for rent, there will be a competition among leaseholders to obtain land. If, on the other hand, there be few applicants for land upon short terms, rents will correspondingly decline. Every one knows that when business is prosperous rents rise in cities for the plain reason that mercantile transactions are profitable and those who have business houses in or about the centers of traffic can rent or lease at a high figure. When business is suffering from continued depression men who occupy business houses are anxious to quit, the supply exceeds the demand and rents fall.

The labor of the agriculturist, the ground rented, the house leased, are all agencies in production for whose use a price is paid,—called in the first instance wages, and in the last rent. We pay in each case a sum equal to the supposed value of ourselves. Now, capital also is an agency for the accomplishment of ends desired. For the use of a vacant lot, for a stipulated period, a fixed annual price is paid. Suppose the leaseholder borrows money to build a house upon it, he will pay for the use of the money a fixed annual price. If lots are abundant, he will get the use of the ground at a low annual price; if money be abundant, he can also obtain that at a low price. Now, wherein do these transactions differ? The sum paid for the use of the lot and the use of the money rests upon the same principle,—compensation for the privilege to use for a definite time. Wages are the price paid for the use of labor, rent the price paid for the use of land, and interest the price paid for the use of money. As the relations between supply and demand are always varying, no one thinks of determining by an act of the Legislature the compensation which shall be paid the laborer, or the rent which shall be paid for the use of real estate. The parties to the transaction are presumed to know their own interests best, and hence are wisely left to regulate these matters themselves. The farmer will hire at as low a figure as he can procure labor, and the laborer will sell his labor at the highest rate he can. The leaseholder will make the best terms possible with the owner, and the owner with the leaseholder. Each will sell where he can and to whom he can at the highest figure, and each will buy where he can and of whom he can cheapest. If the capitalists want labor, there will be a competition amongst capitalists to obtain labor, and wages will rise. If laborers be numerous and capitalists few who wish to employ, there will be a competition among laborers to sell their labor, and wages will fall. The parties to the transaction will adjust themselves, and do adjust themselves, to the ever-varying conditions without the intervention of law. Why should the law intervene?

Legislation can create neither capital nor labor. So in regard to rents, the price paid for the use of real estate. The conditions here are ever-varying, and legislation would either be zero or mischievous. If this be true in regard to wages and rent, it is equally true in regard to interest. The borrower and the lender may each be supposed the best judge of the conditions. If capital is plenty there will be a competition among capitalists to lend, and the price of the use of money will fall; if scarce, there will be a competition among borrowers to obtain money and the price paid for the use of capital will rise. And this state of things will exist in spite of all the usury laws with which legislators can encumber the statute books. Usury laws can neither create capital nor regulate its price If the borrower must have money he must pay its market value just as he would be compelled to do if he determined to hire hands to plow his corn or break his hemp or cure his tobacco. Legislation, though it cannot create capital, can drive it away. If men are subjected to prosecution and possible loss for lending their money to borrowers upon terms mutually agreed upon and determined by the abundance or scarcity of money on the one hand and by the necessity or non-necessity for its use on the other, the capitalist will send or take his money where capital is unfettered and the eternal relations between supply and demand are understood and acted upon, or, disregarding the law, he will take the risk and charge an additional percentage for the use of his money in order to cover the risk of the transaction. He will in that case become his own underwriter, charging the premium to the borrower.

Insurance Rates.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Please permit me to reply in your paper to an article headed "Fire Insurance," and found in your issue of Saturday last, and in which it is stated: "We are in receipt of many complaints from business men that the fire insurance companies are pressing them with heavy rates, and that they have formed a combination so that whatever rate one charges, all charge. For example, a business or manufacturing place is insured for one and two per cent. The day the insurance expires, the rates are increased to two and three per cent., and a printed notice is served on all the other companies in the Board of Underwriters that such a property is rated at such a figure. The result is, that all charge the rate, and the victim is compelled to pay that rate, or go beyond the city or county for his insurance." * * * * This is charged "to be the nature of a conspiracy to extort or inconvenience insurers, and hence comprises an illegitimate and illegal interference with the rights of business men."

"It is perfectly well known that business is generally bringing less profit than for years past, and that manufacturers and business men should have all the relief possible in the several items of current expenses. This is not afforded in the system we are noticing. On the contrary, the pressure is increased at a time when the business public is least able to bear it."

In replying to the above, permit me to say, that but few of the local insurance companies, in Allegheny county, are members of the Board of Underwriters; over seven-eighths of them operate outside of the Board, and make no pretence of being governed or influenced by the rates fixed in the Board, but on the contrary, are open to business men at whatever rates they and the companies may agree upon; and furthermore, there are a large number of foreign companies, having agencies in this city, who operate outside of the board, like a majority of the local companies, each making rates for itself; therefore, it is simply error to assert "that the companies have formed a combination, so that what one charges all charge;" and it is also error to assert that men are compelled to pay a fixed rate "or go beyond the city or county for their insurance." There doubtless are persons in Pittsburgh, as there are in other cities, who have risks with bad moral or physical hazards, and who cannot get them written at home, where they are known, except in wild cat companies, and at high rates; and such persons are complainants, growlers or grumblers everywhere; but no honest, reliable business man is driven out of Pittsburgh to get a decent risk, written in good companies, at fair rates.

There is an "Association of Fire Underwriters for Allegheny County," commonly called the Board of Underwriters, composed of some of the leading American and English companies doing business in this State; and some of them are of great age and large experience, and have paid out many millions of dollars for losses on various kinds of property; and the officers thereof believe they understand something of the insurance business, and know at what rates they can afford to write standard risks of the various kinds offered to them. Skilled persons in the association are appointed to examine thoroughly every risk offered to members who report their action; and after charging for defects and crediting for safeguards and improvements a rate is fixed, at which the companies in the association will write it; (that is, if it be such a risk as a majority of the association desire to write; it being understood that there are some risks that the association will not rate, because the moral hazard is too great for measurement;) and printed slips of the rates made are furnished to the agents of all the companies in the association; to those who pay the expenses of their making; but to none others. If the owner be willing to pay any of the associated companies this rate, they will write the risk; otherwise not. In selling indemnity the associated companies propose to charge exactly what they believe their policy to be worth in each individual case; and if owners of property will not pay that price, they will not give out their contract. In this matter the companies simply fix a price for which they will sell insurance; and it must be a badly distempered mind that sees in this "an illegal interference with the rights of business men." There is no constraint whatever in the matter. If the owner of property is unwilling to pay board companies their price for reliable indemnity, he has many local and foreign companies to go to, of whom he can buy a good article at a fair price; and at such price as may be agreed upon at the time; and in addition to these, there is a host of wildcats ready to take him to their little den for a very small fee, because they know that, in case of loss, their little kits will soon scratch them into settling cheaply, or take the chances of having an execution returned *nulla bona*.

Immediately after the great Chicago fire, and again after the great Boston fire, the companies remaining in the field made a great advance in rates—a mere arbitrary advance, without system or regularity—and the Board was formed to regulate and equalize this matter; to examine risks carefully, and rate each on its own merits; and the result was that, at that time, the rates on some risks were advanced and lessened on others, and the subsequent result has been a gradual lessening of rates for the last two years; because owners have introduced, on the recommendation of the Board, new safeguards and improvements, and the average of rates to-day is less than it was eight or ten years ago. And while no rate has been raised by the Board in the last two years, many have been reduced; therefore, it is erroneous to say that risks are being raised by the Board, at this time, on the day of their expiration, from one to two per cent., and from two to three per cent. And as rates are steadily declining with the introduction of improvements, it is an error to state that insurance companies are increasing the pressure of advanced rates at this time, when the business public are least able to bear it.

The complaint made against the conditions attached to insurance policies is very old. A certain class of persons has declaimed against them for many years; that particular class of whom the ancients regarded Hermes as the especial protector and god; and in view of the rights secured to persons under the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the suggestion that the Legislature take hold of the matter and regulate it as proposed, is still more ridiculous than Senator Wood's proposition "that ground-hog day be declared a legal holiday."

ROBERT THORNE.

PITTSBURGH, January 31, 1876.

The Washington "Lobby."

The "lobby" proper is a corridor back of the Speaker's desk, which leads to the Speaker's parlor, the offices of the Sergeant-at-arms and reporter of debates, and which, once attained, is the next best thing to a seat on the floor of the House. Persons are admitted here by invitation from members, or by permission of the doorkeeper, and here the greater part of what is known as "inside lobbying" is done. For instance, a person wishes to get a bill through. He sends his card in to a member, and if the latter wishes to receive him the meeting takes place in the corridor. Members come out here to smoke, and it is an excellent place to catch a Congressman off his dignity. Formerly newspaper men were admitted here, and the privilege was a very useful one to them. Now, by order of Fitzhugh, they are excluded, and no one can pass the ex-Confederate cerberi that stand at the door but those who bear a card of admission, and these are now held by some of the most notorious lobbyists in Washington.

JAPAN is to have an agricultural college, to be established and supervised by Prof. Clark, of the Amherst (Mass.) Agricultural College. Prof. Clark's eminent qualities as an educator and as a business manager, fit him for this important foreign work.

GENERALITIES.

You ask me, wondering, why I sing,
And why my lips in laughter part;
The ripples of my mirth all spring
From the deep sorrow of my heart.
A smile is easier than a tear
That nerves to keep sad memories green,
And always, through what is, I hear
The echoes of what might have been.

A PANSY has bloomed in the yard of the Crawford House at White Mountain notch this month.

THE total number of hogs slaughtered at Cincinnati to date is 493,367, against 449,547 to same date last year.

THE Scottish National Rifle Association has accepted the American challenge for the championship of the world.

BISMARCK has his weaknesses, too. An absurd Michigan girl recently flattered him into parting with his autograph.

SINCE the bar-rooms in Islip, L. I., were abolished its inhabitants have been able to keep their feet and give $6,000 a year to the church.

HAD Byron lived he would have been eighty-eight years old last Saturday, but the muse of Joaquin Miller swoops down from the icy jaws of the Sierra and makes us forget our grief.

MR. C. F. RICHARDSON writes of the poet Lowell in *Harper's Magazine:* "In his personal appearance, as in the management of his affairs, there is nothing of the traditional heedlessness of the poet. The poetical nature, he thinks, is akin to order, and, in his own case, certainly, the opinion is true."

THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says that there is an old threadbare, snuff-colored, thin-locked, spindle-shanked, pepper-and-salt, weazened, rum-drinking fossil, hidden away somewhere in Washington, who has written more Congressional speeches than all the members of the present House put together.

JOHN LEPPS, a German, residing at Sedamsville, a suburb of Cincinnati, has been arrested for an outrage committed upon the person of his own daughter, aged sixteen. Lepps is a worthless fellow, spending most of his time in groggeries, while his wife supports the family by standing in market as a huckster.

FLOWERS should deck the brow of the youthful bride, for they are in themselves a lovely type of marriage. They should twine round the tomb, for their perpetually renewed beauty is a symbol for the resurrection. They should festoon the altar, for their fragrance and their beauty ascend forever before the Most High.—*Mrs. L. M. Child.*

IT is announced that Miss Bettina de Rothschild, daughter of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, of Paris, is to be married next spring to her cousin, Baron Albert de Rothschild, of Vienna. She is going to do very well, as the young man's father is said to be a man of some means. Her own father, too, is understood to be in comfortable circumstances himself.

A RELIGIOUS paper reports this suggestive incident: A pastor was conversing with that very gentle and most indispensable critic, the pastor's wife, on Sabbath evening, about the morning sermon. "Was it good?" "Yes," she replied, "very." "Was it not a complete chain of thought, with no link omitted?" "Yes, it was certainly that, but it seemed to me, husband, that, at the hearer's end, you forgot to put on the hook?" That "hook" is often just what the excellent sermon lacks.

THE Germans do not dress for the opera. They go there out of love for the music, at an early hour, and in costume which is the most comfortable. A few ladies in the dress circle appear in full toilette, but no one need be surprised to see every lady pull her knitting out of her pocket. There is a homely simplicity in the audience which is thoroughly German. It is apparently no more sin to go to the opera in Berlin than it is to go to a Thursday evening meeting in America.—*Letter from C. D. Warner.*

A SAN FRANCISCO paper has set a new fashion in the publication of birth notices, as will be seen by the following: CROSBIE—Sunday, Jan. 9, to HATTIE and JOHN C. CROSBIE, a son. Mother and child doing well; thanks to Dr. Langdon." This is a very pretty way of complimenting a successful physician, but suppose that he had not been, how would it look to say: "Mother and child doing badly; thanks to the stupidity of Dr. Langdon?" The San Francisco paper has established a dangerous precedent.

THE cry, "wake me up when Kirby dies," has gone through the land, and a young man named Thomas Kirby has been waked up who thinks that he is very likely the son of the patriarchal Kirby of Cincinnati. We think it very likely, but at the same time we think an end should be put to this popular method of earning a living. The dead millionaires are vulnerable enough, and have sins enough to father, but they can't possibly be the paternal progenitors of all the wandering orphans who would like a slice of their estates.

THE *Publisher's Circular* shows that there have been 3,577 new books published in Great Britain during the year 1875. The different branches of literature represented by the new publications are: Theology, 556; educational, 270; juvenile works, 188; fiction, 634; law, 68; political and social economy, trade and commerce, 68; arts, sciences, and illustrated works, 437; voyages and travels, 227; history and biography, 267; poetry and the drama, 222; year books and serials in volumes, 245; medicine and surgery, 65; belles letters and essays, 129; miscellaneous, 172.

PROGRESS IN COLORADO.

There is great railroad activity at Pueblo. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway is progressing rapidly up the Arkansas river, and will reach Pueblo by the first of March. At Pueblo that road will unite with the Denver & Rio Grande road (narrow guage) which has been completed for several years from Denver to Pueblo, *via* Colorado Springs.

From Pueblo a branch of the last named road, finished some time ago, runs up the Arkansas to Canyon City, at the foot of the great canyon through which that river issues from the mountains, and through which a railroad cannot be made owing to its extreme narrowness between the walls.

The work of extending the main line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad from Pueblo southward is progressing rapidly. Ten miles of the road are completed; the ties are bedded all the way to the St. Charles, and one hundred men are engaged in putting down the iron and finishing the work. The aim of that company is not to stop till a trip from Denver to the City of Mexico can be made by rail. The present push is to reach the rich and extensive coal field extending from Cucharas to Trinidad. The main line will be westward from Cucharas, and enter the mountains *via* Abeyta Pass, which will bring it into the great San Luis valley, through which the Rio Grande flows southward.

A letter from Pueblo of January 21, published in the Philadelphia *Press*, says: "Not a drop of rain nor a flake of snow has fallen in this neighborhood since about the 20th of last September, and there has not been more than ten unpleasant days in that time. What country in the world can boast of a finer climate?"

GOLD AT PIKE'S PEAK.

The great stampede in 1859 to Pike's Peak to find gold, is well remembered. Not a dollar's worth was found in that locality at that time, and ever since it has been regarded as a barren region until the present winter. The adventurers of 1859, or some of them, pushed on to the mountains west of Denver, some eighty to ninety miles north of Pike's Peak, where a few had some success, and some good mines both of gold and silver were discovered, and have been successfully operated ever since.

But very recently rich and apparently abundant deposits of gold have been found in the neighborhood of Manitou, near the base of Pike's Peak, and in sight of the town of Colorado Springs, on the Denver & Rio Grande Railway. Manitou is the name of the romantic mountain gorge where the celebrated Soda Springs are, and where there are several fine hotels and other buildings. This deposit is said to be equal in quality and character to the gold deposits of some of the most flourishing districts in the territory. Some of the blossom rock yields by assay from twenty to eighty dollars per ton. A letter of January 30 states that "there are already over 250 claims staked and claimed. The deposit runs from the west of the Ute Pass road about three-fourths of a mile off the road, commencing a short distance above the Rustic Hotel, and has been followed over to Glen Eyrie, and probably runs on still farther north. Other lodes of various kinds have been and are discovered daily—hourly I should say—pure gold, telluride, &c."

"Yesterday," says the Denver *News*, "there were three hundred prospectors at the scene of the new discoveries. Major McAlister, of Colorado Springs, has ordered a forty-stamp mill, which is to be delivered on the ground within sixty days. Rich developments are promised within a short time."

Universal Education.

In a Government like ours, each individual must think of the welfare of the State, as well as of the welfare of his own family, and therefore of the children of others as well as his own. It becomes, then, a momentous question whether the children of our schools are educated in reference to themselves and their private interests only, or with a regard to the great social duties and prerogatives that await them in after life. Are they so educated that when they grow up they will make better Christians, or only grander savages? for, however loftily the intellect of man may have been gifted, however skilfully it may have been trained, if it be not guided by a sense of justice, a love of mankind, and a devotion to duty, its possessor is only a more splendid, as he is a more dangerous barbarian.—*Horace Mann.*

PARSON KELLY.

Old Parson Kelly's fair young wife Irene
Died when but three months wed,
And no new love has ever come between
His true heart and the dead,
Though now for sixty years the grass has grown
Upon her grave, and on its simple stone
The moss
And yellow lichens creep her name across.

Outside the door, in the warm summer air,
The old man sits for hours;
The idle wind that stirs his silver hair,
Is sweet with June's first flowers;
But dull his mind, and clouded with the haze
Of life's last weary, gray November days;
And dim
The past and present look alike to him.

The sunny scene around, confused and blurred,
The twitter of the birds,
Blend in his mind with voices long since heard—
Glad childhood's careless words,
Old hymns and Scripture texts; while indistinct
Yet strong, one thought with all fair things is linked—
The bride
Of his lost youth is ever by his side.

By its sweet weight of snowy blossoms bowed,
The rose-tree branch hangs low,
And in the sun sunshine, like a fleecy cloud,
Sways slowly to and fro.
"Oh, is it you?" the old man asks; "Irene!"
And smiles and fancies that her face he's seen
Beneath
The opening roses of a bridal wreath!

Down from the gambrel roof a white dove flits,
The sunshine on its wings,
And lighting close to where the dreamer sits,
A willow with it brings—
A golden gleam from some long vanished day.
"Dear love," he calls; then, "Why will you not stay?"
He sighs,
For, at his voice, the bird looks up and flies!

Oh, constant heart! whose failing thoughts cling fast
To one long laid in dust,
Still seeing, turned to thine, as in the past,
Her look of perfect trust;
Her soft voice hearing in the south wind's breath,
Dream on! Love pure as thine shall outlive death,
And when
The gates unfold, her eyes meet thine again!

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.
(Before Judge McCandless.)

Harrison Reed, of Industry, Beaver county, filed a petition for the adjudication in bankruptcy of himself and Wm. F. Aber, his copartner. No order was made.

John H. Oberly, of Oil City, filed a petition for the adjudication of himself in bankruptcy, and the same was referred to Register Rogers.

George Baer and Charles Stegmaier, Luzerne county, bankrupts. Petition for discharge presented, and an order was made for a final hearing before Register Willard on the 28th prox.

Samuel E. Critchlow, bankrupt, Armstrong county. Petition for discharge presented and the final hearing fixed before Register Shafer on the 18th prox.

William B. McLean, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. The debtor was allowed the services of a clerk in the preparation of his schedules, and the assignee, when appointed, is to pay such clerk for his services.

Joseph Eisely vs. Daniel Druckmiller, Northumberland county. A rule was granted on the petitioning creditor to show cause why he should not prosecute this case or the adjudication in bankruptcy be revoked, returnable on the 15th prox.

Heinz, Noble & Co., bankrupts, Pittsburgh. An injunction was granted against John Cook and H. J. McGivern. An order was also made for an examination of the bankrupts before Register Shafer.

John H. Oberly, bankrupt, Oil City. A restraining order was issued against Bush, Miller & Co. and C. Heydrich, and the 29th prox. fixed as the time for the argument on an application for an injunction.

Christ. L. Graff, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. An argument was had on the rule granted on the petition of John Harvey on the trustees to show cause why they should not issue on a certain mortgage held by them, by Mr. Wightman for and Messrs. Hay, MacConnell, Friend and Bailey against the same. The court reserved its decision.

Criminal Court.
(Before Judge Sterrett.)

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Lewis Cella et al., indicted for malicious mischief.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Mike Rafferty et al., indicted for the same offense.

John McDowell was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Charles Watts, indicted for malicious mischief.

Charles Phillips was acquitted of a charge of larceny by bailee, preferred by John Price.

H. J. Heinz, Edward Noble and C. L. Noble were acquitted on three indictments for fraudulently secreting their goods to the detriment of their creditors. The prosecutors were Kinder Blair, John S. Finch and James Getty.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.

Chas. Gedding,	John Hurley, 2,
Mike Rafferty et al.,	Alex. Scott,
Chas. Watts,	Harry Simpson et al.,
Chas. Blassins,	Pat. O'Neil, Jr., et al,
Robt. Carroll,	S. J. Meilor,
John McDowell,	Garrison Moseby,
Henry Boushire,	Garrison Kolhaur.
Pat. Wallace et al.,	A. J. Scott,
Samuel Mike,	Joseph Little (2),
John Harr,	J. B. Shea,
A. Fecke et al.,	John Kisting et al.,
Jacob Houghney,	C. Kistling et al.,
Chas. Hartmeyer,	R. Hague,
Morritz Rauch,	W. Seifert,
B. Sweeny,	Geo. Weaver et al.,
	M. L. McGraw,
	W. McCloskey.

Common Pleas Court No. 1.
(Before Judges Stowe and Collier.)

Elizabeth Ley filed a petition to secure her separate earnings.

A. A. Bannerot vs. James T. Wray, impleaded with the Pittsburgh Gas Company. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,190.94.

George Guiser vs. Robert Glasgow and John Glasgow. On trial.

John C. Gray vs. M. G. Frank. J. H. Miller, Esq., appointed Master.

The case of Mrs. Eliza Clark vs. West Penn Railroad Company is still on trial.

Trial List for To-Day.

Neeley, adm'r, vs. Allegheny Trust Co.
Guiser vs. Glasgow (2).
Bannerot vs. Pittsburgh Gas Co., owner and James T. Wray, contractor.
Seitz vs. Heyl.
Sutton vs. Bridge et al.
Malony vs. Penn avenue Building and Loan Association.
Lewis vs. Ross et al.
Cavanagh vs. McPherson et al.
Quinn vs. McGarr et al.
McCullough, Jr., & Co. vs. Deitrich et al.
Sands & Reineman vs. McKelvy.
Throp vs. Sarver.
Brown vs Tarrell et al.
Bell vs. McClusky.
Duff vs. Rondals et al.
Byers et al. vs. Reese et al.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.
(Before Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.)

Wm. Chambers vs David Gregg, before reported. Still on trial.

Conway Brooks et vs. Julius Praeger. Verdict for plaintiff for $12.

John Marshall vs. Anderson Balance Co; action on a note. Verdict for plaintiff for $63.70.

L. Minehart vs. Emanuel Frederick, J. Irwin and Isaac Stewart; action for damages for alleged false arrest. On trial.

Trial List for To-day.

Hoerr vs. Koss.
Seifferth & Co. vs. Triel.
Irwin vs. Long, (2.)
Door vs. Brinton.
Kain vs. Cole & Irwin.
Lanahan vs. Hutchinson.
Vancleve et al. vs. Wilson.
McClure & Co. vs. Finney.
Grogan vs. The City of Allegheny.
Campbell vs. Pittsburgh & Castle Shannon R. R. Co.
House vs. Pierce.

Orphans' Court.
(Before Judge Hawkins.)

The bond of Max Schamberg, guardian of Jacob F. Kraus, et al., minor, was presented and approved.

Estate of James White, deceased. Widow's appraisement presented and approved *nisi.*

Wm. Keilly was appointed guardian of Jas. and Ellen White, minors.

Estate of John Hafnagle, deceased. Hearing resumed in this case. The husband and wife were both drowned in the Allegheny flood, dying intestate.

Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph office, at 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the steamer Elysia at New York; steamer Perenie at New York; steamer Montana at New York; steamer Germanic at New York; steamer Pennsylvania at Queenstown; steamer P. Caland at Plymouth.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 1, 1876.

The money market is without much change. The demand was scarcely as large as usual, and the banks generally met it freely at the customary rates of 5@6 per cent. The general supply of currency seems to be on the decline. Outside of bank prime business paper is in light supply, and there is a good demand for it at 10 per cent.

Eastern exchange is rather heavy, with more free offerings and only a moderate mercantile demand, but the counter rates are well sustained.

Government bonds are a fraction higher, the demand being steady all the time and of capacity for almost any amount. The New York *Post*, alluding to the pressure to buy these securities, says, "There are large orders in the market from banks, insurance and trust companies. We hear of one insurance company (life) which has been working to get a line of $2,000,000, and have succeeded in the past two weeks in getting a little over $1,200,000. Of course the aim is to fill orders without advancing prices, and how difficult that is appears from the recent advance. A large discount bank, it is said, is also buying, having within a week taken between $350,000 and $450,000." These instances throw light on the character and extent of the demand for this class of securities. The movement is the more surprising when we consider that these bonds, on the average, sell at a premium of 20 per cent. in currency, and, estimating them as redeemable within five years, that is in 1881, pay little more than 2 per cent. in gold per annum on the money invested in them. In currency, however, they pay something over 4½ per cent. per annum. Thus: the average price of the 6 per cent. bonds is 120 which brings the annual interest down to 5 per cent. In five years the interest payable on $100 of bond would be $30. Deduct the $20 paid above par from these $30 of interest would leave just $10, or 2 per cent. per annum in gold, which at the present gold rate of about 12½ per cent. would equal 2½ per cent. per annum currency. Supposing that in 1881 gold should bear its present rate of say 12½ per cent. above the paper currency, or, what is the fact, that paper should be then as now, at a discount of 12½ per cent., the 2 being payable in gold will give to the holder of each bond of $100, should he desire to exchange his coin for paper, an additional $12.50 in depreciated currency, which is equal to just 2 1-2 per cent. per annum for the five years intervening between 1876 and 1881. Thus, 2 1-2 annually realized in currency interest, and equal to 2 1-2 per cent. annually in what is called gold *premium*, aggregates 4½ per cent. per annum in currency. One of the difficulties in the way of clearly estimating the annual productiveness of Government bonds arises from confounding *premium* and *discount*. There is now no premium on gold, nor was there any when it sold at 285 in 1864; paper currency is at a discount now of about 12½ per cent., as it was the larger difference above noted in 1864. If dealers in Government bonds would confine their operations to coin payments they would be rid of much confusion now experienced while dealing almost wholly in depreciated paper. The anxiety to get hold of Government bonds by fiduciary trusts at times really little if any more than 4½ per cent. per annum, shows that the predominant feeling among trust companies and careful capitalists, in contemplating the future, is more to *save* than to *make* money.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	112	5-20's 1865—coupons	122
U.S.6's, 1881, coup	122½	10-40's	119¾
" 1868, all called	—	Currency 6's	124¾
" 1865	118	New 5 per cents	117¾
" 1867	122¼	10-40's—coupons	119¾
5-20's 1867	122		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen.	111½	Ohio & Mississippi	24¾
Erie	17¾	Union Pacific	70
C.	97¾	Toledo & Wabash	6¾
C. C. & I. C.	9¾	Harlem	135½
St. Paul	51¾	Adams Express	104¾
Do. Pref	76¾	American Express	59
Michigan Southern	87¾	U. S. Express	69
Do. Central	82¾	Wells & Co. Ex.	84
North Western Com	41¾	Quicksilver	—
Do. Pref	81¾	Fort Wayne	100½
Rock Island	104¾	Hannibal & St. Jos	21¾
Chic. & Pitts	94¾	Panama	—
Pacific Mail	38	Iron Mountain	—
Western Union Tel.	79½		

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P. R. R. (S)	56	Cen. Trans (A)	42¾
Reading (S)	35¾	Empire Do	—
U. Can. of N. J. (S)	137¾	A. V. R. R. 7-30	—
Oil Creek (S)	18½	P. C. & St. L. 7's (S)	83
Lehigh Valley (S)	63¾		

NEW YORK, January 31, 1876.

Money 4a6; prime mercantile paper 5a6½. The customs receipts were $646,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $71,000. The clearings were $17,000,000. Sterling was firm at 485¼a489¾. Gold opened and closed at 113, with sales in the interim at 113¾. The carrying rates were 2 to 5. Governments were firm. Railroad bonds were strong. State securities were firm. The stock market opened strong at an advance of ¼ to per cent. on the closing quotations of Saturday. Subsequently the improvement was lost, then regained, and lost again. At the second board, when the lowest prices of the day were made as a general thing, Western Union was the chief feature. St. Paul and Northwest suffered the greatest decline. During the last hour the market became strong and prices advanced ¼ to ⅝, with Western Union Telegraph, Lake Shore, Ohio & Mississippi, Pacific Mail and Wisconsin stocks the most active. The transactions aggregated 250,000 shares, of which 28,000 were Pacific Mail, 76,000 Western Union, 18,000 Northwest common, 4,000 preferred, 11,000 St. Paul, 5,000 preferred, 6,000 Erie, 59,000 Lake Shore, and 28,000 Ohios.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 122¾; 5-20s '65, 118; do new, 119¼; do of '67, 121¾; do of '68, 123; 10-40s, 118½; coupons, 119¾; currency sixes, 124¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, old, 47½; do. new, 46¾; Virginia new, 37; do old, 38; Missouri 6s, 102.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 79¼; Pacific Mail, 38; New York Central, 112; Erie, 17¾; do preferred, 35; Adams Express, 104½; Fargo Express, 84½; American Express, 58½; do preferred, 63½; Harlem, 135¾; do preferred, 134; Michigan Central, 61½; Union Pacific, 70; Lake Shore, 97½; Illinois Central, 97½; Pittsburgh, 94½; Northwestern common, 41½; do preferred, 82¾; Toledo & Wabash, 6¾; do preferred, 16; New Jersey Central, 107½; Rock Island, 108½; Fort Wayne, 100½; Terre Haute, 6¾; do preferred, 20; Chicago & Alton, 104½; do preferred, 109½; Ohio & Mississippi, 24½; Burlington & Quincy, 104; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 18½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 118½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 20½; Central Pacific, 100½; Union, 103.

LONDON, January 31 — 5 P. M. — The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3¼ per cent., or ⅜ below the Bank of England rate. Consols, 94 1-16; 5-20s of 1865, 108¾; do '67, 109¾; 10-40s, 107¾; new 5s, 105¾; New York Central, 100; Erie, 15¾; do preferred, 32.

PARIS, January 31.—Rentes, 66f 60c.

FRANKFORT, January 31.—U. S. new 5s, 100.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, January 31, 1876.

The position of the leading markets has not varied much since the date of our last weekly review; business, it is scarcely necessary to add, continues dull, but an early improvement is probable. In Grain and Flour there is nothing new to record—trade continues without change in prices. The hog product has stiffened up somewhat, with the exception of Lard, in sympathy with a sharp advance in hogs, but the demand continues light and there is more or less distrust in regard to the future of the market. In produce—by which we mean Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, etc. etc., trade continues to move slowly, with prices ruling in buyers' favor.

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ASHES—Following are the current rates—in a jobbing way: Canada, Soda, 3a3½c; Refined do., 3¾a4c; Nitrate, 4c; Pearls, 7½c; Potash, 7c; Manganese, 3c; Arsenic, 8a3½c; Flour Spar, 2a2½c.

ALE—City brands are still quoted at $4 ₩ barrel to the city buyers and $9 to the country; XX $10; India Ale, $11. Half barrels in regular proportion.

APPLES—The demand has possibly improved somewhat during the past week, but the market continues in an unsatisfactory condition, as it has been all winter, for the reason that sellers—even for good sound fruit—are scarcely able to realize first cost, while that which is in the least decayed has to be sold for considerably less. Sales are being made at $1,90a3,50 per bbl, according to quality and condition—some fancy at $3,75a4. So much soft weather has caused Apples to rot more rapidly than they would have done otherwise, and about the only favorable feature to notice is that the stock is steadily being reduced.

BUTTER—With only a fair supply and a moderately good demand for fine grades particularly, we note a firmer market. The receipts of lots that the trade will take—such as choice—are light, and some sales have been madeas high as 30c, but this is an extreme price, and 27a28c is about the average. Good to prime, 25a26c.

BEANS—Unchanged. The inquiry is more active, but prices remain as before: $1,20a1,25 ₩ bushel for prime navy in round lots, and $1,35a1,40 in a small way.

BROOMS—In this line we have no new features to report worthy of notice. Broom corn has advanced materially at the source of supply but until the trade in brooms shows a little more activity there will be no effort made to advance their price. We quote "Union factory" prices to-day as follows: Patent Screw Ferule Carpet, $4.25; No 4 Extra Parlor, 4,25; No 4 carpet, 4,00; No 3 carpet, 3,75; No 6 Hurl, 4 spring, first quality, 4,50; No. 5 Hurl, 3 spring do, 3,25; No 4 Hurl, 2 spring do, 3,00; No 3 Hurl 2 spring do, 2,25; No 5 Stock Braid, 3 spring, 3,00; No 4 Stock Braid, 3 spring, 2,75; No 3 Varnished Handles, Hurl, 2,75; No 2 common, 2,00; No 3 Shakers, 3,00; Toy Brooms, 1, 25a1,50 per dozen; Whisky, 1,25a1,75; No 4 Varnished Handles, Hurl, 2,50.

CHEESE—There is an increased demand, and the general tone of the market for prime stock is firmer, without, however, any quotable change in prices; we continue to quote—in a jobbing way—prime Ohio Factory, 13¾a14c; ditto New York, 14a14½c. The New York market has been reported firmer for several days past, which would indicate an increased export trade.

COKE—Continues quiet and unchanged—quoted at $2,90 or 3c ₩ bushel—delivered free on car-here.

COAL—About the only noticeable feature is that there is plenty of water for running coal but there is little steam ready to go, and, in addition, there is no inducement to ship, in view of the down river markets being overstocked already. Quotable—delivered here at 5c ₩ bushel; per barge, at 4½a5c per bushel.

CRANBERRIES—$11 to $13 ₩ barrel.

CANNED GOODS—In fair demand, but there has been no recent change in prices, which we quote as follows:

2 ₩ Peaches	$1 75	Winslow's Corn	$2 25
3 ₩ Peaches	2 25	Baltimore Corn	1 50
2 ₩ extra Peaches	2 00	Marrowfat Peas	2 00
3 ₩ pie Peaches	1 75	Red Cherries	2 35
Lima Beans	2 00	White Cherries	2 50
2 ₩ Tomatoes	1 65	2 ₩ Tomatoes	1 80

CORDAGE AND ROPE—No change in prices, which we annex as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

¾ inch diameter and upwards	14¾ cts. per ₩
⅝ "	15¾ "
½ and 5-16 in. diameter	16¾ "
Tarred rope and lath yarn	14¾ "
Hay, stave and leather twine	15¾ "

OIL WELL DRILLING CABLES.

Hawser laid	14¾ cts. per lb
Hemp Rope Yarns	16½ "
Sand Pump Rope	14¾ "

SISAL ROPE.

¾ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
⅝ "	12¾ "
½ and 5-16 in. diameter	13¾ "
Hay, Spoke and Leather Twine	12¾ "

NEW ZEALAND ROPE.

¾ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
⅝ "	12¾ "
½ and 5-16 in. diameter	13¾ "
Hay twine	11¾ "
Tarred lath twine	11¾ "

TEAS.

Young Hyson	45 @1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder	60 @1 10	Oolong	35 @ 85
Imperial	80 @1 00	Souchong	35 @ 75

FRUITS.

Val. Raisins, per lb	11¾	Turkish Prunes	8 @ 9
L. Raisins, per box	3 25	French Prunes	10 @12
Currants, per lb	8		

DRIED FRUIT—Inactivity rules, but stocks are light and holders very firm in their views. The market—now that the season for summer drying is near—is past few days, but dealers here anticipate a light trade for the coming month. Choice dry Apples, in ₩ lb; prime, loaf@c. Prime halve Peaches, 12¾a13 cents. Blackberries, 11¾a12c.

EGGS—The receipts are still increasing, and the stocks are now very largely in excess of what is usual for the time of the season. Prices have been rapidly tending downward, and fresh cannot be quoted at over 18a19c per doz. Pickled are entirely nominal

DRESSED HOGS—7¾a8¼c.

FLOUR—There is a very fair demand for good standard brands, and for such prices are fully maintained, but poor stock—made from damaged wheat—of which the offerings are unusually large this year, are hard to dispose of except at very low prices—for dealers generally do not want to handle it at all for the reason that it damages their trade, and gives them more or less trouble. The consumption of spring wheat flour here is larger than it has been for some years past, and it is owing to the fact that the spring wheat crop is much more to be depended on in harvesting by the rains as the winters. We continue to quote—in a jobbing way—Spring Wheat, $6,00a6,25 for Wisconsins and $6,50a6,75 for Minnesota; Red winters, $6a7 for common to choice; amber, $7,00a7,50; white, $8a9. Rye Flour, $5,a5,25. Buckwheat Flour, 2¾a3c ₩ lb.

FISH—Following are the current jobbing rates in this market.

Ex No 1 Mess Mackerel			$21 00
No 1	do	do	20 00
Ex No 1 Shore	do	do	27 00
No 1	do	do	25 00
Ex No 1 Bay	do	do	20 00
No 2	do	do	14 00
Large No 3	do	do	11 00
Split Labrador Herring			4 25
Round Shore Herring			6 25a 6 50
Large Georges Codfish			6¾c ₩ lb
Medium do		do	6 "
Boneless Codfish			7 "
Halibut			13 "
No 1 Herring			40c ₩ box
Scaled do			50c "
Smoked Bloater Herring			$1 75 "

GRAIN—The grain markets continue dull, unusually so for this season of the year, but it is hoped and expected that there will soon be an increased demand, as it is evident that stocks are small both in the hands of retailers and consumers, in view of the fact that they have been buying only to supply immediate actual wants. Strictly prime wheat is in demand but there is little or no inquiry for any other kind; the former is scarce and hard to obtain, while the latter is not wanted. Prime to choice prime; Ohio and Indiana red may be quoted at $1,34a1,35; do north western red $1,32a1,40. The oat market continues quiet and unchanged; the supply is light but equal to the demand, which is also light; Pennsylvania and Ohio are held at 39a41c; do white 42a43c. Corn is rather better supply and easier but unchanged; prime dry—on track—50a52c, for mixed to yellow. Refuse corn is very dull, and, like wheat, there is more of it than ordinarily. Rye quiet and unchanged; 85a86c, for Penna. and Ohio.

GROCERIES—Coffee is again lower, a concession of ¼c having been made by the importing trade at the close of the week, to induce purchases. Great confidence, however, is felt by owners, in higher prices in the near future; but on the other hand jobbers are slow to do business, believing that prices will not be sustained owing to the large supplies and the hard times. Java steady.

SUGAR—Refined fell off ¼c during the week, the market closing steady. Raws were weak. A. Thomson & Co., New Orleans, reported the market there stronger, at an advance of ⅛c all round. New Orleans molasses firm for strictly firm and choice. Syrups lower. Rye steady. Louisiana being now, as it has been all along, the cheapest offering.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¾	Standard B	10¾
Crushed	11¾	Standard Ex C	10¾
Granulated	11¾	Refined Yellows	9@9¾
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8¾@ PM
Standard A	10¾		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	26	R. Rio, lb plgs	27¾
Prime Rio	24¾@25	R. Rio, loose	27¾
Good Rio	22 @23	Roasted Java	34¾
Old Gov. Java	34		

RICE.

Carolina	8
Rangoon	7

SYRUPS.

Choice	70 @75	Fair	55 @60
Prime	65 @70	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	63	N.O. strictly prime	60
N.O. prime	58	Demarara	50@55

SOAPS.

Best Wax	7¾	Babbitt's Best, per box	7 25
Superior Wax	6¾	White Russian, per box	6 00
Woman's Friend	5¾		
Duchess, per box	2 50		

SUNDRIES.

Silver glass Starch			9¾
Patent Starch			5
Lamp Chimneys, No. 1 and 2			85 @ 90
Bi Carb Soda, in kegs			4
Bi Carb Soda, in boxes			6
Concentrated Lye			3¾ 50@5 50
Pearl Barley, per bbl			6 00
Oat Meal, in bbls, A. & B			8 50
Oat Meal, half bbls			4 50
" German Mills			4 87½
Shot—drop			2 50
Shot—buck			2 75

HAY—Baled continues dull, but with a light supply prices are maintained; upland prairie—on track—is held, nominally, $17a19, according to quality and condition. Loose is higher, the receipts recently having been light in consequence of the bad condition of the country roads; quotable at $17a22, according to quality.

HIDES—The market has ruled dull, but now the demand has increased, so that at present the receipts are but little more than are required for immediate order. We quote:

Green Salted Cows	7 a 7¾
Green Salted Steers, Light	8 a 8¾
Green Salted Steers, Heavy	8 a 8¾
Green Salted Calf	11 a12
Green Butcher Cows	6
Green Butcher Steers, light	7
Green Butcher Steers, heavy	8
Green Butcher Calf	10

LEATHER—Trade has been rather quiet since the beginning of the year, but there is beginning now to be rather an improved feeling, and the trade for a fair degree of activity during the remainder of the present month. Harness is in fair demand. Upper remains low and hard to move. We quote:

Oak Sole, country	0.32@ 0.36
Oak Sole, city	0.36@ 0.40
Red Sole, B. A. heavy and mid	0.30@ 0.32
Red Sole, Orenoco	0.29@ 0.31
Red Sole, good dgd	0.25@ 0.28
Oak, Rough	0.25@ 0.28
Harness, city oak	0.37@ 0.40
Harness, country	0.32@ 0.34
Harness, No. 2 and common	0.30@ 0.32
Fair Skirting	0.40@ 0.43
Fair Bridle, ₩ doz	$60.00@70.00
Belt Leather	0.40@ 0.46
Finished Calf	0.90@ 1.25
Finished Upper, ₩ foot	0.18@ 0.22
Finished Kips	0.80@ 0.90

LUMBER—The following are the current rates.

Flooring, No 1 per M	$25 00
No 2 "	21 00
Best No 1 18-inch Shingles	4 75
Moulded Weatherboards per M	26 00
Common Surfaced boards	20 00
Barn boards	20 00
Sheeting boards	15 00
Mouldings ¾c per inch square per running foot.	
Inside Shutters, inch thick, 20c per square foot.	
Window Frames and Sash from $2.50 to $3.50 per window.	
Four Panel Doors from $3.50 to $4.50 each.	

MILL FEED—Is rather firmer in consequence of diminished receipts, but the demand continues light; no change in prices. Bran, $14a15 per ton; shorts and shipstuffs, $16a18; middlings and chopped feed, $20a24, according to quality.

OILS—John V. Lewis & Co., extra winter strained miners' oil unchanged. Lard oil 8c per gallon lower for all descriptions and brands.

ONIONS—The receipts have been light for some time past, but the supply is still in excess of the demand, which is exceedingly light. Selling in a jobbing way at $1a1,50 per bbl.

POTATOES—The market continues very dull and while the receipts are only fair, prices are weak and barely maintained; quotable by the car load on track at 35a38c per bushel.

POULTRY—The market was dull last week in consequence of the soft weather, but as it has turned cold and the stock is small, it may do better within the next few days. Live chickens, 45a55c per pair; dressed 12a13c per ₩; dressed turkeys, 13a15c.

SEEDS—There is not much doing but there is usually a considerable inquiry during the first half of February; some are inclined to the belief that the prices of clover seed will control the demand, and no doubt it will have its effect, in this respect. Quotable at $2,75a3 for timothy and $8,50a875 for clover.

TALLOW—Lower at 8a8¾c for prime country, and 8¾a9¾c for city rendered.

VINEGAR—Country stock, slow sales at uncertain prices, owing to its various qualities—15a20c. We quote best city make of cider (No. 20) at 15c per gal, and $4 for the barrel.

WINDOW GLASS—There is nothing new to record; business is about like it always is at this particular time, and manufacturers complain more in regard to prices than a scarcity of orders. Discounts quoted at 70 & 5 and 70 & 10 in a jobbing way.

PROVISIONS—The market is strong at higher figures all along the line. Sugar picked hams ¼ to ⅜c higher in the west. Lard a shade lower and easy.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb	14¾	Do. half barrels	14
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	10¾	Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces	—
B'fast Bacon, S. C.	14¾	Do. in ¾ bbls	—
Brief Beef, Ex. Sm.	14¾	Do. in buckets	14¾
Sugar Cured, old	14¾	Do. 3 lb caddies	16¾
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz	6.50	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Bacon Shoulders	9¾	Do. 3 lb pails	17
Rib Sides	—	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Short Rib do	12	Do. 6 lb do	16¾
Clear Sides	12¾	Ham Sausage	9
Mess Pork, per bbl	$21.00	Carbon Oil	—
Family Mess Pork	21.00	Cheese	—
short Cut "	21.00	Pig's Feet, in kegs	2.00
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	13¾	Do. do. ¼ bbls	4.10
		Do. do. bbls	9.00

WINDOW GLASS—The market has undergone no recent change; trade, while it is almost as active as it usually is at this particular time is reported unsatisfactory in regard to prices; discounts are now quoted at 75 and 6 and 75 and 10 per cent. of Pittsburgh list.

PER BOX OF FIFTY FEET—SINGLE STRENGTH.

24 Quality.	1st Quality.	Dbl. str'th.
6 by 8 to 7 by 9	$6 75	$10 00
7 by 10 to 8 by 10	$7 00 7 75	11 00
8 by 11 to 10 by 12	7 50 8 75	12 00
8 by 14 to 10 by 15	8 00 10 00	13 00
11 by 11 to 12 by 17	11 00	14 00
12 by 18 to 26 by 24	11 00	16 00
18 by 22	12 00	15 00
15 by 26 to 20 by 30	13 00	20 00
15 by 36 to 24 by 30	14 00	22 00
20 by 28 to 24 by 36	15 00	24 00
28 by 36 to 30 by 44	18 00	25 00
28 by 46 to 30 by 50	18 00	30 00
30 by 52 to 30 by 54		32 00
30 by 56 to 34 by 56		35 00
34 by 58 to 33 by 60		40 00
36 by 60 to 40 by 60		45 00

All sizes over 82 inches in length, and not making 84 united inches, will be charged in 84 united inches bracket. An additional 10 ₩ cent., will be charged for all glass more than 40 inches wide. Orders taken by agents are subject to approval of manufacturerr when received.

ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, January 31, 1876.

CATTLE.

The run of cattle this week by rail was thirty-nine car loads, thirty of which were from Chicago and the balance Ohio and Indiana stock. In addition to the above there were about fifty head driven in from the surrounding country, making in all about seven hundred and fifty head as total offerings. The quality of the cattle is generally good, very few common or scalawags being on sale. The market opened up slow and dull and continued so until the close. Although no advance over last week was asked, butchers were not in any hurry about purchasing. It was forty minutes o'clock before the market was under way, and then sales were slow and hard to make. Drovers all complained of unsatisfactory trade and report the market from ⅛ to 4c lower. At noon there were quite a number of cattle unsold, part of which go to East Liberty for wholesale. Below will be found the receipts:

Marks & Co., Chicago	35
W. Moonshine do	34
F. Rich do	16
Aull & Varner do	18
A. Moonshine do	18
Gerson & Z do	49
J. Hunter do	17
Arnold & W do	18
Kahn & L do	35
M. Kline do	19
Marks & Bro do	17
E. Katz do	18
Trauerman & Co do	67
A. Greenawald do	37
W. Rinehart do	17
S. Lowenstein do	16
J. H. Hoge, Chicago	18
S. Lowenstein do	19
Gerson & K do	17
Kahn & Y do	19
Holmes, L. & Co, Ind.	29
J. F. Hoge, Orrville	17
W. Reeder, Alliance	13
D. St. Clair, Bellaire	20
G. C. Smith do	20
J. C. Terry, Convoy	18
Holmes L. & Co, Vienna	17
L. Holderman, E. Liberty	40
C. Jarrett, Penn'a	12
P. Sholtesmaile do	12
S. Matthews do	13
T. Martindale do	10
J. Fordyce do	8
Total	743
Total last Monday	758

SHEEP.

The number of sheep on sale footed up 278 head—most of which were driven in from the adjoining country. Trade opened unsatisfactory and continued so until the close. Drovers report the market dull and lower than last week. Prime sheep sold from $4a4,50 ₩ 100 lbs, mixed do fair from $3a3,50 ₩ 100 lbs; common, $2a2,50 ₩ head. Following are the receipts:

J. Flinner	100
J. Beehler	34
J. S. McMillian	44
R. McCaslin	52
Total	278

HOGS.

The run of hogs this week light. The market fully ¼c better than last week, but sales slow and hard to make, the unwillingness of buyers to advance asked. Best hogs, sold at $5,00 per hundred medium, $7a to $7,85 common, $7,50 to $7,60. About 300 head are sold.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, January 31, 1876.

Advices from the oil regions to day report the market very firm and considerable inquiry for certificates for speculative purposes. For United certificates "fresh" $2 is bid; Conduit, $2,01¾ asked. Outside lines can be bought at $1,92¾. Refined is very quiet, and not a sale reported on Saturday. The buyers appear to be out of the market for this article, as no bids of any kind were made to-day. In the absence of sales, we quote refined for Philadelphia delivery at 14¾a 14 3-16. On cars here, 10¾a11c. No bids can be obtained for futures.

Oil barrels dull. Cities are quoted at $1,25; countries, $1,15a1,20. No sales of any kind were reported.

The steady advance of crude and refined, which has characterized the market during the month just closed, it is claimed, was solely the result of legitimate demand. Shipments of crude from the region have averaged over 18,000 barrels crude per day, or only 79 about 5,000 barrels less than the production, which is rated at 23,000 barrels.

Exports of refined from all points to Europe during January were in excess of the corresponding period of 1875 some 100,000 barrels. If the demand continues as actively during the next month, the price of crude oil will doubtless be sustained, and the chances are that it will enhance in value. The production, as is well known, still leads the demand, but only largely as last year, hence the surplus can be taken off without damaging the market. The oil business since the commencement of the new year has enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity clearing Pittsburgh out of view than it has exp rienced for a number of years past, and the good times, so long current, seem to be near at hand. As for Pittsburg, trade continues very unsatisfactory, and the prospects ahead for a change for the better are anything but flattering, as the present discrimination against Pittsburgh, Cleveland and New York have monopolized almost the entire business.

SHIPMENTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
G. M. Robinson	H. C. Vantine	474

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL EAST PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Warden, Frew & Co	Fancher & Co	1,828

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 31, 1876.

FLOUR—Dull; western shipping extra $4@4,80; fair to fancy Minnesota $4,75@6,50; medium to choice winter extra $4,75@7,50.

GRAIN—Wheat: demand fair and prices have advanced for cash; options steady. No. 1 Chicago spring $1,09¾; No. 2 97¾c bid spot; sales at 98c seller February, closed at 98⅞c seller February; 98⅝c seller March; $1,02¾ seller May; No. 3 74c; rejected 43c. Corn quiet and steady; No. 2 cash 40c; 40c seller March; 40½@40¾c seller April; 40¾c seller May; rejected 36¾c. Oats steady and in moderate demand; No. 2 29¾c spot and seller February; 30¾c seller March; rejected 26c. Barley steady at 78@78½c spot; 72½c seller February. Rye dull and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork steady at $19,50@19,55 spot; $19,52½@19,55 seller February; $19,62½@19,65 seller March; $20,12½@20,15 seller April. Lard steady and in moderate demand; $12,10 spot; $12,27½ seller April; $12,40@12,42½ May. Bulk meats quiet and unchanged.

WHISKY—$1,06.

On Call Board wheat was weak and lower at 98¾c February; 98¾c March. Corn easier at 39¾@39⅞c February; 40¾c March. Oats easier at 30¾c February; 31c March. Pork firmer at $19,50@19,60 February; $19,87½ March. Lard unchanged.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, January 31.—Sugar firm; inferior 5@5¾c; common 6@6¼c; fair to fully fair 6¾@7c; prime 7¼@7¾c; strictly prime 7¾c. Molasses firm; centrifugal 28@38c; fair fermenting 34@40c; prime fermenting 44@46c; reboiled 44@46c. Flour dull; superfine $4,75; double $4; treble $4,50@5,25; choice and family $5@7,25. Corn meal bolts at $2,30. Corn steady at 53c. Oats easier at 43¾c. Bran quiet at 75c. Hay prime $18. Pork steady at $21,50. Bacon: shoulders 9¼@9¾c; sides scarce and firmer at 12¾@ 13c. Hams steady; choice sugar cured 14@14½c. Dry salt meats strong at 8, 10¾@11c. Lard: tierce packers 12¾c; prime steam 12c; refined 13 1-4c; tins 13¾c. Coffee quiet; ordinary to prime 17@19c. Whisky dull; rectified $1,10@1,13. The *Price Current* gives the following stocks on hand: Pork 3,000 bbls. Lard 1,091 tierces and 2,662 kegs. Bacon 401 casks. Corn meal 2,817 bbls. Hams, sugar cured, 310 tierces. Dry salt meats 560 casks. Flour 7,325 bbls. Coffee 43,725 sacks.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Flour dull; slightly in buyers' favor; receipts 16,000 barrels; superfine western and State $4,25@4,40; common to good $4,85@5,35; good to choice do $5,40@5,90; white wheat $5,95 @7,75; extra Ohio $6,10@8,75; No. Rye flour quiet at $4,60@5,40. Corn meal quiet at $2,90@3,25. Wheat dull and heavy; receipts 41,000 bush; rejected and no grade spring 97c; ungraded do $1,20; No. 3 Chicago spring $1,18@1,21; No. 2 Minnesota $1,68. Rye quiet at 86@88c; State 93@99c. Barley quiet; No. 2 Bay $1,10@1,18. Malt quiet. Corn steady; receipts 57,000 bushels; mixed no grade 56¾c; white western 57¾c. Oats steady and unchanged; receipts 15,000 bushels. Hay unchanged. Hops firm; eastern and western 12@18c. Coffee quiet; jobbing 15¾@19¾c. Molasses quiet. Rice quiet. Petroleum quiet; crude 8¾c; refined 14¾c bid; 14¾c asked. Tallow firm at 9¼@9¾c. Rosin unchanged. Turpentine steady at 32c. Eggs irregular; western 17@19c; choice Pennsylvania 20c. Pork dull at $21@22,50. Beef quiet. Cut meats quiet. Middles firm; city long clear 11¼c; western 11c. Lard firmer; closed heavy; prime steam 12 11-16c. Butter firm; western 16@22c; State 20@31c. Cheese unchanged. Whisky more active at $1,11.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, January 31.—Cloversead 12¾@ 14c. Petroleum steady; refined 14¾c; crude 9¾c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat unchanged. Rye: 86@88c. Corn unsettled and lower; yellow 52 @54c; mixed 51¾c. Oats: white 44@48c; mixed 42@ 44¾c. Whisky steady; western $1,11. Butter quiet; New York and Bradford county extra 28@32c; western extra 25@28c. Cheese steady; New York 12¾@ 13¾c; western fine 12¾@12c. Eggs quiet; western fresh 18@19c.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, January 31.—Cotton quiet at 12¾c. Flour, demand fair and market firm. Wheat quiet at $1,25@1,35. Corn steady at 40@43c. Oats steady at 29@34c. Rye and Barley dull and unchanged. Pork dull; $20,50. Lard steady; steam 12¾c; kettle 13@13¾c. Bulk meats quiet; sales of shoulders at 8¾c; clear rib 10¾c; clear 10¾c. Bacon firm; 9¾; 12@12¾c. Whisky firm at $1,05. Green meats quiet and unchanged.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, January 31.—Flour: demand fair and market firm. Wheat steady and in moderate demand; No. 3 white Wabash $1,03; No. 1 white Michigan $1,32; amber Michigan $1,34¼; seller March $1,27½, seller April $1,29; No. 2 amber $1,04. Corn steady; high mixed nominal 44¾@45c offered; seller March 43c; low mixed held at 44¾@44½c offered; no grade 43c; damaged 39c. Oats steady and in moderate demand; No. 2 35½c.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, January 31.—Cotton quiet; 12½c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Meat ready at $1,13 @1,35. Corn

LATEST NEWS.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

The Alfonsists Defeating the Carlists at All Points.

AN EARLY ENDING OF THE WAR IN PROSPECT.

Returns of the Senatorial Election in France.

FRANCE.

The Senatorial Elections.

LONDON, February 1.—A Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the Monarchists, who have since really rallied to the support of the Republican Constitution, and Republicans, excluding Radicals, represent from 180 to 200 votes in the Senate. An analysis of the Senate, including life members, shows from one hundred and fifty-five to one hundred and sixty avowed Republicans, sixty-five to seventy supporters of the present Government, thirty to thirty-five partisans of a limited or absolute Monarchy, and thirty-five to forty Imperialists.

A Paris dispatch says, in reference to conflicting statements relative to the standing of the Senate by the French papers, that the figures are artfully grouped in accordance with party feeling. Two great facts, however, are prominent, the absence of a majority willing to dissolve the Republican Assembly and the discomfiture of the Bonapartists.

PARIS, January 31.—The *Moniteur* says notwithstanding the defeat of Buffet and Dufaure, there is no probability that the Ministry will change before the Chamber meets. M. Buffet is expected to be a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies at Mirecourt and M. Dufoure at Marennes. All the Republican journals are confident that their country has a majority in the Senate and believe this insures the consolidation of the republic. The leaders of the Left consider a revision of the Constitution in a monarchial and especially in a Bonapartist sense, henceforth impossible. The Conservative papers admit that at least half the Senate is Republican.

L'Ordre, a Bonapartist organ, concedes a majority of several members to the Republicans.

The *Journal des Debats* says a moderate and conciliatory republic is sure of an important majority in the Senate.

Protests against the validity of the election have been entered in about ten departments. None of the objections, however, appear serious.

SPAIN.

Carlists Defeated at all Points.

MADRID, January 31.—It is officially confirmed that General Loma, having captured Valmaseda, is advancing on Durango, compelling the Carlists to abandon the siege of Bilbao and evacuate their fortified position there. The whole mining district is now free of Carlists. General Rivera captured Fort Santa Barbara near Estella, and General Campos has occupied Portevelate. Royalists are closing in upon Don Carlos. The division of General Moralex attacked the Carlist fort at Aratzain on the 29th inst., but was repulsed, leaving two hundred in killed, including one Colonel.

The Bombardment of San Sebastian.

SAN SEBASTIAN, January 31.—A Carlist battery on Arratzain continues to cannonade San Sebastian intermittently. Some of its shells are charged with petroleum.

Private dispatches from Bilbao represent that General Lomas' troops are completely masters of the Eucartiacones district. General Quesado entered Durango on Sunday.

Captured by Alfonsists.

MADRID, January 31.—The *Official Gazette* announces that General Rivera has captured three Whitworth cannon at Santa Barbara, and General Quesado has taken the fort of San Antonio, at Urguiola.

The Carlists and Cuba.

LONDON, February 1.—A Berlin telegram says the Spanish Government has intimated to Great Britain that it undertakes to end the Carlist war in a week or ten days, after which it will have more troops disposeable for Cuba. It is understood that the practical grievances specified in the American note are in general not denied, nor is any counter complaint against the neutrality of the United States lodged. The final defeat of Carlism is expected in Berlin, but it is doubted whether Spain will be able to pacify Cuba, whatever the number of troops she may send there.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Grain Trade.

LONDON, January 31.—The Mark Lane *Express*, in its weekly review of the grain trade, says: Damp weather during the past week has brought on a decline of nearly a shilling more. The overflowing granaries make millers temporarily masters of the situation. The Paris market has maintained its prices for both wheat and flour. The markets of Belgium, Holland and Germany are very dull. Our own weekly sales are 16,249 quarters less than last year, while the price is a shilling higher. There is increasing confirmation of our deficiency, though we may still have a dragging trade until March.

TURKEY.

Turks Repulsed.

LONDON, January 31.—Advices from Sclavonic sources report that the Turks were repulsed at Grandatz on Sunday, losing eighty killed, and that they met with a repulse near Klek, where they lost fifty men.

Special Mission.

Holmes, British Consul of Bosna Serai, the capital of Bosnia, has gone to Constantinople on a special mission.

GERMANY.

Church vs. State.

LONDON, February 1.—A special from Berlin says Cardinal Cachenhe has gone to Rome. It is thought that this tends to confirm the statements that negotiations are in progress for the establishment of a modus vivendi between Church and State in Germany. Archbishop Ledochowski is expected to arrive in Rome on the 4th of February, where a great reception is preparing for him. The Archbishop will probably remain in Rome.

RURAL TAXATION.

Public Meeting in the Twenty-second Ward.

At a large and respectable meeting held at Colfax School House, Twenty-second ward, last Saturday evening, the question of rural taxation was discussed. The Hon. Thomas M. Howe being called to the chair, and Wm. Anderson appointed Secretary, the annexed resolutions were offered, which, upon being read by the Secretary, were re-read by the Chair, who remarked that while the resolutions were tart, they were truthful; that the present system of taxation was all wrong; that the true basis for taxation was income; that he had no doubt in his own mind but that farm lands here, as in Europe, should be taxed upon their income or productive values. He would, he said, to see the resolutions referred to a committee, to report when ready, who would take the subject of taxation in all its bearings into consideration.

After some further discussion, the following Committee upon Resolutions was appointed: Major Wm. Frew, Chairman; James B. Murray and John Murdock, Jr.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolutions are as follows:

WHEREAS, The laws of Pennsylvania forbid any man's property being taken from him without his receiving value for it; and

WHEREAS, The law prohibits from confiscation capital invested in bank stocks, rolling mills, &c., and wherefore not capital invested in real estate; and

WHEREAS, Capital invested in real estate has been singled out by our city Councils for confiscation contrary to all law and justice and the laws of the nations of Europe; and

WHEREAS, In Europe capital invested in farm land is assessed equitably with capital otherwise invested; farm land that will rent for $6 per acre is assessed at $100; land that from its superior improvements will rent for $10 per acre is assessed at $200, while gardens near a city renting for $30 per acre are assessed at $500; and,

WHEREAS, Councils in order to accomplish our confiscation and plunder us of our hard-earned property has appointed a set of tools called a "Board of Revision," who, that they may earn $5 per day, swear as coolly that a farm of land taxed $40 or $50 per acre is just as valuable to the owner as if it was only taxed fifty cents, and that if the taxes were four times what it would rent for, or $40 per acre, when the highest rent that can be had for the land is only $10, with a fraudulent and confiscation taxation running it to destruction thousands of dollars yearly, that that land was still worth $3,500 per acre!! and,

WHEREAS, In Europe when you pay for water, you get water, when you pay for gas, public lamps are extended all along the streets in gas-paying districts—while here in Pittsburgh ten or twelve square miles of rural district by the majority votes of the old wards consign that territory (in defiance of the laws of Pennsylvania that forbid any man's property being taken from him without his receiving value for it) to swift destruction by a fraudulent and confiscating taxation, and for which no value is received in return; and

WHEREAS, If our Courts are unable to protect us from being entirely swallowed up by a ring of unprincipled men, that it is a duty that we owe to ourselves to sit still no longer, but to be up and fight for our rights—hold public meetings, and refuse to pay every tax imposed upon us for which we receive no value, and appeal to the Legislature in the meantime by petition for relief; therefore,

Resolved, That members of Councils from this ward be instructed to read or have read these resolutions in both branches of Councils, and that they be instructed to demand that before we be asked to pay any more water tax, that we be furnished with water, and that before we pay any more police tax, we be furnished with police.

Resolved, That to see upon what side the city press stand—that of right or oppression—each paper be requested to publish the above resolutions.

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities are that to-day there will be increasing cloudiness, southerly winds, shifting to westerly and northerly, with light rains, followed during the night by decidedly colder weather and falling barometer.

The following letter received on Saturday fully explains itself:

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, ALLEGHENY CO., PITTSBURGH, January 29, 1877.

Messrs. King, Reed & Co.:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the county of Allegheny, held this morning, your paper, the Pittsburgh GAZETTE, was chosen one of the county printers for the ensuing year.

Yours truly,
GEO. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of County Commissioners.

Found Drowned.

Coroner McCallin held an inquest last evening upon the body of Hugh Faley, which was found floating in the Allegheny river at the foot of Ninth street about 9 o'clock yesterday forenoon. The deceased had been greatly under the influence of liquor during Saturday, and had two or three quarrels, but none of them serious. It is not thought there was any foul play, but that the deceased was drowned accidentally. He lived at Limerick (Thirty-sixth ward) and leaves a wife and three children. He was a puddler, and was about thirty-four years of age.

Serious Railroad Accident in Allegheny.

Last evening about five o'clock a boy, named James Brady, about twelve years of age, attempted to jump on a train on the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. while in motion between Anderson street and the railroad bridge, but his band slipped from the rail and he was thrown to the ground. The wheels passed over his left arm, his scalp was torn off, his skull fractured, and three of his toes mashed. He was removed to his home on Carlisle alley, near Morgan street. Drs. King and Buchanan were summoned and the injured arm amputated. His injuries are of a very serious nature and some doubts are expressed as to his being able to recover.

The Reform School Investigation.

The Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Reform School met yesterday morning, and adjourned. The gentlemen of the committee are as follows: Messrs. Plummer, Thornton, Finley and Billingsby. Soon after the arrival of the committee there was a private consultation Shortly before noon Mr. Avery entered the chapel, followed by the comittee. Mr. Plummer took the chair. He stated that the matter had been talked over and they had decided for the day to take the testimony already adduced before the Board of Public Charities, and after that pursue an independent course. The testimony on the side of the accusers would first be taken. The chairman of the committee said that in the absence of a stenographer nothing could be done, and an adjournment was had until this morning at 9 o'clock.

Regarding the Poor.

The managers of the Pittsburgh Association for the Improvement of the Poor decide that for the present winter it will be impossible to render further assistance to applicants from the South Side. It would not be possible for the visitors who are doing the work of this side to undertake the work on the South Side, their whole time being already engaged; and the Association has neither the funds nor the visitors at this advanced season with which to judiciously and wisely enter so large a field. It has already cheerfully relieved nearly one hundred applicants from the South Side, through recommendation of Rev. Dr. Humphrey, and most gladly would it extend its benefits to all worthy, needy ones, whether of the South Side or elsewhere, but necessity rather than inclination must dictate the limit of its charities. By order of the Board.

SECRETARY.

PITTSBURGH, January 29, 1876.

Resignation of Chief McCandless—Roger O'Mara in the Vacancy.

The reports regarding the retirement of Chief McCandless from the supervision of the police force have at last resulted in something definite. That gentleman yesterday, through Clerk Davis, transmitted his resignation to the Mayor, as follows:

Hon. W. C. McCarthy, Mayor—DEAR SIR: I do hereby resign the office of Chief of Police which you one year ago offered to me, the resignation to take effect to-day. Trusting that my successor may have your confidence, I remain, yours respectfully,

JAMES MCCANDLESS,
Chief of Police.

The resignation was at once accepted, and Detective Roger O'Mara was immediately appointed Chief of Police *ad interim*, with good prospects of his permanent installation, though the Mayor told him not to erect his hopes on the temporary appointment.

Weather.

In the indications from December 27th to January 26th, it reads: "A mild and moderate month, without many rough storms, with no hopes for ice, and but little snow, unless the winds come from north to northeast." It was stated that "the indications of the month were more clear than usual." In my notice for 1875, it was stated that "the signs for the winter, so far, were mild and moderate." To the present period it has proved correct.

RECORD.

From December 27th to January 26th, cloudy and variable days, sixteen of which were rain, ten of snow, two very light falls; of freeze and white frosts, seven; clear or fair, fourteen. Daily average of thermometer, 42; same days 1875, 25—a great contrast; nothing like it since 1857. Daily average of the river, 10 feet; 1875, 6 feet. Fall of rain, 2 40-100 inches.

Maximum thermometer, January 18th, 62; minimum, 21st inst., 11.

Winds.....	N.	NE.	E.	SE.	S.	SW.	W.	NW.
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Ninety-three observations.

Sixty forming a southern current, from E. by S. to W.; average force of winds very light.

INDICATIONS.

From January 26th to February 25th, although they are not so clear as the past month, yet I would give the same, with these exceptions: No rough storms, less rain, and more dry, making the weather moderate and pleasant, with no hopes for ice or violent snow storms. We cannot expect any snow and no less the snow lays some time. From the NW. to the NE. locations the indications are now for a rain storm, between now and Wednesday night, 2d inst.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31, 1876.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN.

The Efforts of Friends—The Institution to be Sustained.

The statement recently made that no delinite action was taken with reference to the School of Design at a meeting of its friends last week seems to have been a great mistake. The action then taken was of the most practical and satisfactory character, as about $1,600 was secured to maintain the institution. The whole sum asked for was $4,000, and as this aggregate of contributions left a deficiency of $2,400, it was decided to make a canvass among the friends of the school who were not present at the meeting. The result has been of a most satisfying character. The work has been undertaken by some of the young ladies—former pupils—and they have met with a success that pretty well assures the maintenance of the school. The canvassers are still at work, and expect to make a report at the meeting next Tuesday which will show that Art has sincere friends in our community, and that this noble institution has a strong hold upon their sympathies.

The annual exhibition will continue at the school during the present week—the time having been extended to give all an opportunity to judge of the work done at the school. The display this year is the finest ever made. Those whose esthetic tastes have been cultivated in any degree will find this an exceedingly enjoyable place at which to spend an hour. The school rooms, it will be remembered, are located at the corner of Sixth avenue and Wood street, in the triangular block.

JANUARY INQUESTS.

Coroner's Report for the Month Just Ended.

January 1—Charles Canley, accidentally run over by a train on the PanHandle Railroad, in the Thirty-fourth ward.

January 4—Mathias Barr came to his death, in the Fifteenth ward, from unknown causes.

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January 5—George Willard was found drowned in the Monongahela river at the Point.

January 7—Conductor Harry Moore was caught between the bumpers of two freight cars on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, at Lucy Furnace.

January 10—John H. Baker of Port Perry, Pa., was drowned on November 4, 1874, was found floating in the river.

January 13—Annie M. Palling, shot by a ball from a pistol in the hands of Joseph Fiemn.

January 18—John Campbell died from loss of blood, received by a cut in the arm by falling accidentally against a window, or trying to force an entrance and being cut by window glass, in the yard of 313 Penn avenue.

January 18—Henry E. Lippert, of Wilkinsburg, struck by the tender of an engine of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Braddock.

January 18—Wm. Barnet, struck by the engine of the fast line east of the Pennsylvania Road, near McKinney Station

January 20—Patrick Kerwin, died from injuries received by the entrance into his neck of a small piece of wood.

January 25—Henry Shultz was killed by falling down a pair of steps at 29 Federal street.

January 26—Charles Canon was accidentally killed by a train on the P., V. & C. R. R., near the City Poor Farm.

January 31—Unknown man found drowned in the Allegheny river, at the foot of Nineteenth street.

Marion Harland in her new cook book "Breakfast, Luncheon and Tea," recommends the use of Prepared or Self Raising Flour in preference to Cream of Tartar and Soda or Expensive Baking Powder.

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

Regular Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

Board of Health Vacancies Filled—An Additional $750,000 Water Loan Approved—That Subterranean Fire—New and Routine Business—The Printing Contract.

A regular meeting of Pittsburgh Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT COUNCIL.

DAVID AIKEN.....President *pro. tem.*
E. S. MORROW.....Clerk.

The members present in this branch at roll call were Messrs. Ahl, Aiken, Atkinson, Bates, G. L. Braun, R. B. Brown, Sam'l. S. Brown, Buckley, Carr, Dannels, Darlington, Denniston, Dietrich, Doyle, Duff, Epping, Evans, George Fox, Gregor Fox, Froehlich, Geiger, Glass, Goldthorpe, Hayden, Herron, Holliday, Hunter, Jeremy, Kennedy, Kerr, Lagerman, Lappan, Liitell, Metzgar, Meyer, Miller, Moore, Murray, Musgrave, McCandless, McCombs, McClurg, McGimpsey, McKinley, Negley, Nasser, O'Neil, Powers, Ray, Reiman, Rodgers, Rolfe, Sawyer, Schild, Schwarm, Shipton, Singerly, Sorg, Taylor, Vierheller, Weldon and Welsh.

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